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HANKOW EVACUATION BEGINS.

300 WOMEN & CHILDREN FOR SHANGHAI.

YELLING MOBS OVER-RUN THE CONCESSION.

FIRMS AND BANKS CLOSE.

A very serious situation still prevails in the British Concession at Hankow, where Banks and business firms have been forced to close down indefinitely.

All women and children from Hankow, Ichang, and Kiukiang have been evacuated, and, numbering 300, they are now on their way down river to Shanghai. The men at Hankow have been concentrated at safe points on the waterfront.

Last night there were noisy processions by soldiers, pickets and students through the British Concession, the Cenotaph, plastered with Nationalist flags, being used as a stand by orators.

Hankow, Jan. 5. Owing to the most serious position in the Concession, banks and firms have closed indefinitely. There is some possibility of evacuation.—Reuter.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

300 ON WAY TO SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Jan. 6. As a precautionary measure, all women and children at Hankow, Ichang and Kiukiang were evacuated last night.

Two steamers with 300 women and children aboard from these ports are now en route to Shanghai.

At Hankow, all the men are being concentrated on what are being called safe points on the waterfront. There has been no disturbance in the Japanese and French Concessions at Hankow, where foreign officials and foreign-controlled police continue to function.—Reuter.

FRANTIC PROCESSIONISTS.

SOLDIERS, PICKETS AND STUDENTS.

Hankow, Jan. 5. Processions of soldiers, pickets and students, carrying banners and singing and yelling, have passed through the British Concession.

The Cenotaph, which is plastered over with Nationalist flags and propaganda is used as a convenient stand for orations.

To-night the Concession is superficially quiet.—Reuter.

DELICATE POSITION.

MOBS OVER-RUN CONCESSION.

Rugby, Jan. 5. Press telegrams from Hankow report a delicate situation.

Marines and bluejackets were withdrawn from the British Concession to their vessels in the river in order to remove all semblance of provocation and to permit the Chinese authorities to fulfil their understanding to maintain order.

Since then coolies are said to have over-run the Concession and to have torn down barricades, and further requests have been made to the Chinese officials to control the disorderly elements. The naval forces of Hankow are being augmented.

During Monday's rioting no Chinese were killed and only two were believed to have been injured. The wounded Naval ratings are all doing well.—British Wireless.

FROM NAVAL SOURCES.

LITTLE DEVELOPMENT.

Information received from the naval authorities in Hongkong this morning indicates that the position in Hankow has developed but little. The Chinese authorities have given assurances for the safety of the Concession, but the women and children, and hospital cases are being evacuated as a precautionary measure.

The same policy of evacuation

RICKSHA MISSION.

HONGKONG MEETING ARRANGED.

BISHOP VALTORTA'S PLEA.

It will be learned with much interest that a movement is afoot to ameliorate the lot of Hongkong's chair and ricksha coolies. Called by Bishop Valtorta, a meeting is to be held to-morrow evening to discuss the question.

Bishop Valtorta spent many years as a missioner in Hoifung, the home of many of the chair and ricksha coolies who ply in Hongkong, and he has often desired that something should be done to improve their living conditions.

A HARD LIFE.

In the course of a circular on the subject, the Bishop says: "Whilst all must realise the extreme hardship of their lives, very few, perhaps reflect that these men have wives and families, whom they have left in the country either with no support at all or with such inadequate support that they are constantly on the verge of starvation. Driven to seek some pleasure in a life little better than that of a beast of burden, they readily take to gambling, so that their earnings are not sent home."

"Six years ago, whilst still at Hoifung, I tried to begin some scheme for their betterment. The late Inspector Garrod gave much valuable information, and promised to help as best he could. But at the time no definite move could be made. Later I broached the question on more than one occasion with members of the St. Vincent de Paul's Society. All realised the need.

SCHEME NEEDED.

Shanghai, Jan. 6. "Everything is peaceful in Shanghai, but there is an undercurrent of fomented agitation." For example, "Red" Nationalists are now endeavouring to promote a general strike immediately after the Chinese New Year, about February 10th.

It is significant, however, that certain elements in resistance to these politically-organised strikes manifest themselves here and there.—Reuter.

MORE DESTROYERS.

MAY BE SENT EAST.

London, Jan. 5. The Admiralty announce that the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla, consisting of eight vessels, at present attached to the Atlantic Fleet, is being brought up to full strength for possible service in the Far East.—Reuter.

According to the Navy List, the 8th Flotilla is commanded by Capt. C. H. G. Benson, D.S.O., (Seniority, June 30th, 1924), and is composed of the following vessels:

H.M.S. Bruce, Flotilla Leader, of 1,800 tons, carrying five 4.7 guns and three anti-aircraft guns. Commanded by Lieut.-Com. J. P. White, D.S.C.

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H.M.S. Stormcloud, (Lieut.-Com. P. H. G. James).

All the above seven destroyers are of 1,076 tons and carry three 4-inch guns.

CHINESE REPORTS.

SOME ABSURD DEMANDS.

Chinese telegrams from Hankow reporting on the meeting held on Tuesday for the purpose of forming a Society to disarm the Kowloon Magistrate.

CHEKIANG STRUGGLE DEVELOPS.

ATTACK AGAINST NINGPO LIKELY.

CLASH NEAR FUYENG.

Chinese reports state that the military operations in Chekiang are developing, especially in the central and northern portions of the province.

It is said that as soon as the troops of General Chow Yen-yan, of Fukien, have advanced sufficiently northwards to link up with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the latter will arrange a joint attack against Ningpo. It is reported that General Chow's troops have already reached Tchuchow, on the Lingkang River.

Regarding the situation at Hangchow, it is reported that some 2,000 troops under General Chow Fang-chi, who has lately linked up with the Kuomintang, are advancing in the direction of Hang-fu, whilst the forces of General Lai Sai-wang, who also went over to the Kuomintang when Kiangsi was invaded, are also moving forward, so that the Nationalists hope to capture Hangchow.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is said to be bent on crossing the Tsin-tang River in order to besiege Tunglo and other places occupied by the Nationalists.

It is reported that on the morning of the 4th instant, a clash occurred at Fuyeng between Southern troops commanded by General Chow Fang-chi and those under General Han Keng-yu.

The engagement is said to have lasted six hours, the result being that General Chow's forces were compelled to retreat.

MR. HO KWONG'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Ho Kwong, well-known merchant and compradore, and a Justice of the Peace, gave evidence in examination by Mr. Lo, that the first time he had any business with the defendant was when he commissioned him to build the late Mr. Ho Fook's grave at Mount Davis.

Under the contract, the defendant was to receive \$12,000, the material to be wholly from Amoy.

Construction was to be wholly under the personal supervision of the defendant, without the contract being sublet to any other.

After Mr. Gillard, from the Tramway Company, had explained the elaborate system adopted by the Company for the checking of the tram tickets, and pointed out that the torn pieces produced in Court did not correspond with the serial number applicable to the tram in question, the defendant rummaged in his pocket and finally produced another torn bit, which, on being compared with other pieces, was found to bear the correct number.

The case was dismissed.

SUMATRA REVOLT.

ASSERTING DUTCH AUTHORITY.

Padang, Jan. 5. The whole of the male population of Padang Siboeoek is now subjected to Dutch authority, and 267 prisoners are being escorted to Sawahlunto.

Action has begun against Siolengkang, another centre of the rebellion. The military forces in the affected regions are considered adequate to cope with the situation.—Reuter.

TWO LETTERS.

The other witness called for the defence was Mr. To Sik-huen, also a well-known Chinese merchant, who occupies the position of Vice Chairman of the Twenty-Four Merchants' Guild, of which the preceding witness is Chairman.

He also fills the post of Chairman of the local Fukien Chamber of Commerce, and in that capacity stated that he had many dealings with the defendant, who received from him financial aid for many business undertakings. Of recent years, witness knew that defendant had contracts to build the graves of most of the rich Chinese who died in this Colony.

Witness produced two letters,

one from witness' business connections in Amoy, and the other from his own son, advising of defendant's return to Hongkong on board the Sunning. Both letters had been translated by the Police Court Interpreter, and an extract relevant to the case was given as follows:—"I handed Dick Shui

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SUNNING PIRACY.

OPENING OF THE DEFENCE.

THIS MORNING'S EVIDENCE.

With the discharge, from time to time, of nine defendants in the Sunning piracy case, and the committal, yesterday, of six others who were not legally represented, there now remain only five more defendants against whom Police Court proceedings are still continuing.

Of these latter, an interesting figure is No. 6 defendant, a monumental mason, whose defence was opened by Mr. M. K. Lo when Mr. R. E. Lindsell resumed his sitting at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Regarding trade conditions, these are said to be even worse for the Chinese merchants than during the strike and boycott. Many business firms are closing down, and in this connection it is reported that several firms of rosewood furniture makers have moved to Hongkong, as also have several concerns which started direct rice trade with Bangkok and Saigon.

Moreover, many steamers chartered by the Chinese have ceased calling at Canton in consequence of the detention of the cargo aboard the laid-up China Merchants steamers.

It is also reported that there is much dissatisfaction in naval circles owing to the reported placing under detention of the commander of one of the gunboats, which action is said to have resulted in a strong protest from officers of the ship.

UNSETTLED CANTON CONDITIONS.

LABOUR DISPUTES STILL PREVAIL.

TRADE BADLY HIT.

Chinese reports from Canton state that the situation there is still distinctly unsettled. The armed conflicts between members of rival Labour Unions have spread to the Mechanics' Association and the Railway Employees' Union, and although actual fighting has ceased, both sides are said to be preparing for further warfare.

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ALLEGED TRICKERY.

TO SECURE GOLD BRACELETS.

In describing a case of larceny by means of a trick, which was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, Detective Sergeant Rozesky at the Police Court told how, after cultivating the friendship, and, incidentally the confidence, of a married couple, the defendant displayed some jade ornaments and handing these to the woman, borrowed her gold bracelets the original design of which he said he admired, and wished to copy.

Needless to say, continued the police officer, the defendant disappeared after having obtained the bracelets, and was not seen again until matters were brought to a head by a chance meeting and an altercation in the street.

The case was remanded, the defendant being allowed bail in the sum of \$500.

FORGED NOTE.

KOWLOON CASE DISMISSED.

Although remanded from yesterday for the defence to call witnesses, the remanded builder who again appeared before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of uttering a forged \$10 note and of possession of the said note, knowing the same to have been forged, was discharged by his Worship before calling upon the defence to produce any evidence.

His Worship, in dismissing the case, pointed out to the prosecution that there had been no proof of guilty knowledge.

U. S. AND SILVER.

BILL TO BUY 14,000,000 OUNCES.

Washington, Jan. 5. According to the *Harold Tribune*'s Mexico City correspondent a party of 50 well-armed and well-mounted Catholics, shouting "Live Christ the King," captured several "Government" officials at Paraiso De La Fuente in the Mexican State of Coahuila, and executed the local labour leader. Federal troops are rushing to the scene of the trouble.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITAIN & ITALY.

TALK OF ALLIANCE SCOUTED.

MISCHIEVOUS ARTICLE.

Rugby, Jan. 5. Extraordinary assertions are contained in an article published simultaneously by the *Paris Matin* and the *New York Herald Tribune* regarding the Treaty of Tirana, recently concluded between Italy and Albania.

The writer attributes the Treaty to the desire of the British Government to please the Italians by giving them a free hand in Albania as a preliminary to negotiating an Anglo-Italian alliance the purpose of which would be to counter-balance at the same time the effects of the Franco-German friendship initiated during the Tholay conversations and the alleged Russo-Turkish rapprochement.

SOME MIS-STATEMENTS.

Interwoven with this highly imaginative conception of British policy, are various specific misstatements, among them being the allegation that British policy towards Albania had undergone a change. It may be taken for granted that if reference were made to Albanian affairs during the Leghorn meeting between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Signor Mussolini, the discussion led to nothing more than a re-affirmation by both parties of the principle of territorial and political integrity of Albania, which, incidentally, is a Member of the League of Nations. The Treaty of Tirana was first heard of in London official quarters on December 1st when the Italian Ambassador called on the Foreign Secretary and informed him that the Treaty had been signed, on November 27th and giving him a broad outline of its contents.

ABSIDU IDEA.

The article reveals an absurd misconception in ascribing to Britain a desire to produce a European balance of power. The fundamental aim of

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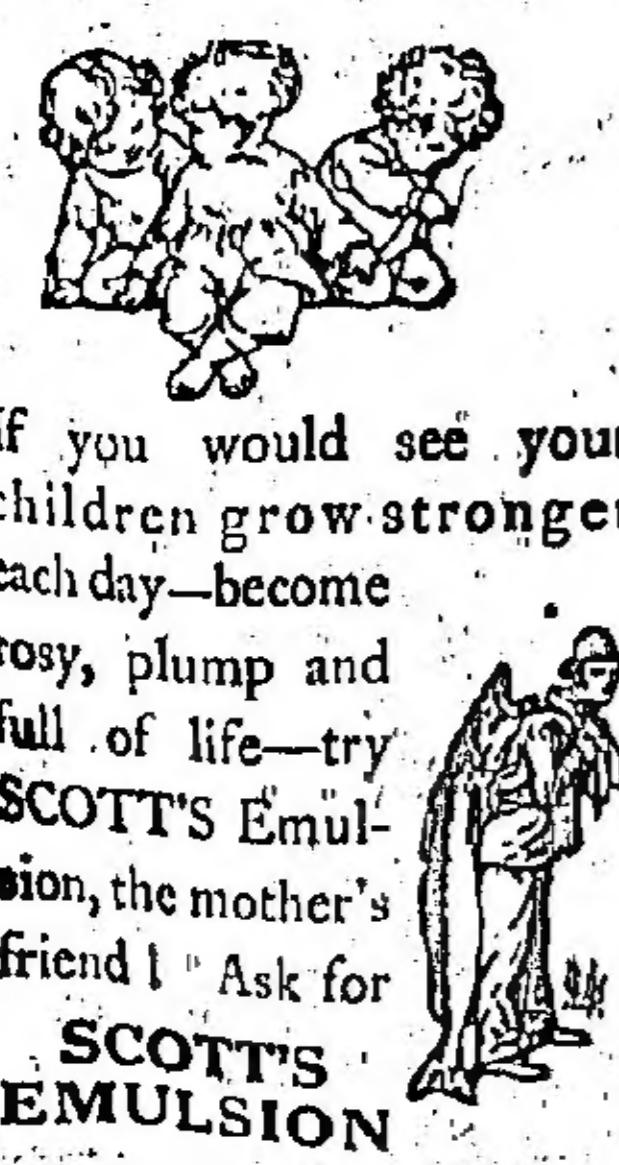
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WANHSIEN INCIDENT.

THE OFFICIAL STORY.

The following account of the Wanhsien incident has been compiled from official British documents and is now issued as an authentic version of what actually occurred:

The situation on the Yangtze during the last few days of August was as follows: The Southern Army was facing Wu Pei-fu, whose forces occupied broad front centred at Hankow; and on the upper waters of the Yangtze, with Headquarters at various towns, were many Generals, nominally under his authority but for all practical purposes independent commanders.

To facilitate the movement of their troops these Generals, and notably General Yang Sen, whose Headquarters lay at Wanhsien, had adopted the plan of placing large numbers of armed soldiers upon foreign steamers for transport up and down river. This was done in defiance of the wishes of the Masters of these vessels.

During the progress of a Chinese civil war, transporting troops in any manner in British ships was deemed a breach of the strict neutrality which His Majesty's Government desired to observe, and repeated protests both at Peking and locally had been made by the Consular officials and the Commanders of His Majesty's ships.

These protests had been of no avail, although until 27th August such troops had always left British ships when ordered so to do by a British Naval representative.

Shipping companies were not anxious that their vessels should stop at towns occupied by soldiers, but they had their commitments of cargo to consider, and there was also the fact that ships which did not stop were invariably subjected to a heavy fusillade; nor was it possible to obtain any guarantee against such a proceeding.

Early on 29th August, the British S.S. Wanliu, belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Ltd., was boarded at Yun Yang by 16 armed soldiers, and several other boatloads of troops were seen approaching. The S.S. Wanliu at once went ahead slowly to escape them, and, in spite of an attempt by those already on board to rush the bridge and engine-room, the ship's officers were able, by barricading the upper deck and engine-room, to hold them off, and proceed on their voyage.

During the attempt to come alongside, it is thought two sampans collided, and one with about 8 people on board had fallen astern in an apparently sinking condition, but owing to the presence of many other boats there appeared no danger to life. In view of this, and of his difficult position, the Master of the S.S. Wanliu did not stop, but continued to Wanhsien, where, about 2 p.m. he signalled to H.M.S. Cockchafer for assistance.

The remainder of the troops from Yunyang, who had tried to board the S.S. Wanliu there, arrived at Wanhsien twenty minutes later in the American S.S. I Ping, in which they had commanded passage, and after apparently reporting what had happened, they lined the foreshore abreast the Wanliu in a threatening manner. An armed guard was then sent from the Cockchafer, the 16 soldiers who during the passage up had seized the Comprador and threatened to kill the Master were disarmed and sent ashore, and the ship shortly after proceeded on her voyage up stream.

The Other Cases.

When S.S. Wanliu sailed, it was discovered that General Yang Sen had meanwhile put a large force of soldiers on board the S.S. Wanhsien, another steamer belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, then at anchor off the town after which the steamer is named. He declined to negotiate with the Captain of H.M.S. Cockchafer, and stated he would only do so with the British Consul at Chunking.

On the evening of the same day (29th), S.S. Wantung, of the same Company, arrived and was

promptly boarded by a number of armed soldiers, who took possession of the ship and posted snipers with orders to fire on any boat approaching from H.M.S. Cockchafer. The officers of both the merchant ships were detained, and requests for their release and for the removal of the troops on board were ignored.

On September 1st, His Majesty's Consul at Chungking arrived at Wanhsien, and negotiations with General Yang Sen were begun. The Consul requested the release of the two British ships and their officers, promising British co-operation in a proper legal enquiry into the alleged sinking of the sampan by the S.S. Wanliu. General Yang, however, flatly declined to comply with his request until the Wanliu question had been settled. Finally, the Consul was obliged to warn General Yang that it might be necessary to resort to extreme measures if he declined to take any notice of these official protests against his illegal action, and reminded him that the responsibility of any grave occurrence would be his.

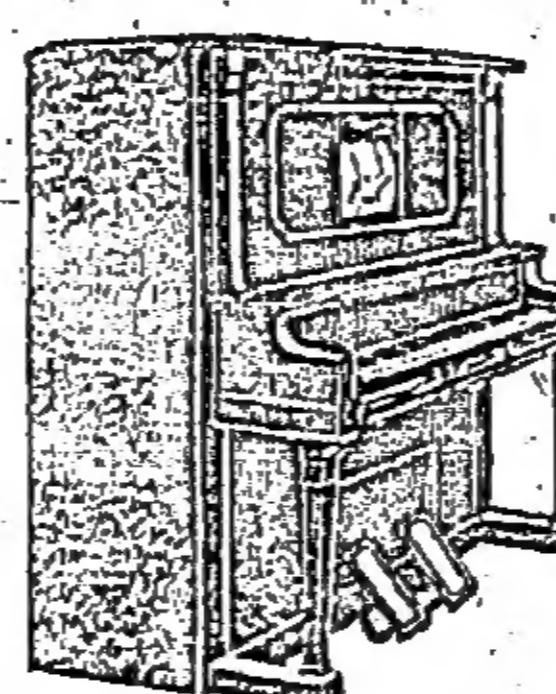
H.M.S. Widgeon arrived at Wanhsien from Chungking on 3rd September. The deadlock still existed, but movements of troops ashore indicated that Yang Sen's intentions were not pacific.

In face of the illegal seizure of two British vessels and the forcible detention of their officers, and of the definite refusal of General Yang Sen to take any step to remedy the situation, it was necessary to take action. Acquiescence in carrying armed troops, which involved a British breach of neutrality, was impossible. The S.S. Kiawo was therefore taken over at Ichang by His Majesty's Navy and manned by a Naval Contingent under the command of Commander Darley, R.N. She sailed on September 4th for Wanhsien, with the intention of rescuing the officers and, if possible, releasing the ships. Hopes were entertained that pacific counsels might prevail when it appeared that definite steps for rescue were being taken.

Fire Returned.

Unfortunately, this proved not to be the case. It was observed from H.M.S. Cockchafer that on the morning of 5th September the troops on board the S.S. Wanhsien and S.S. Wantung were being reinforced. At about 6.30, the Kiawo arrived off the town of Wanhsien and went alongside the S.S. Wanhsien. A party from the Kiawo then went on board the Wanhsien to rescue the officers.

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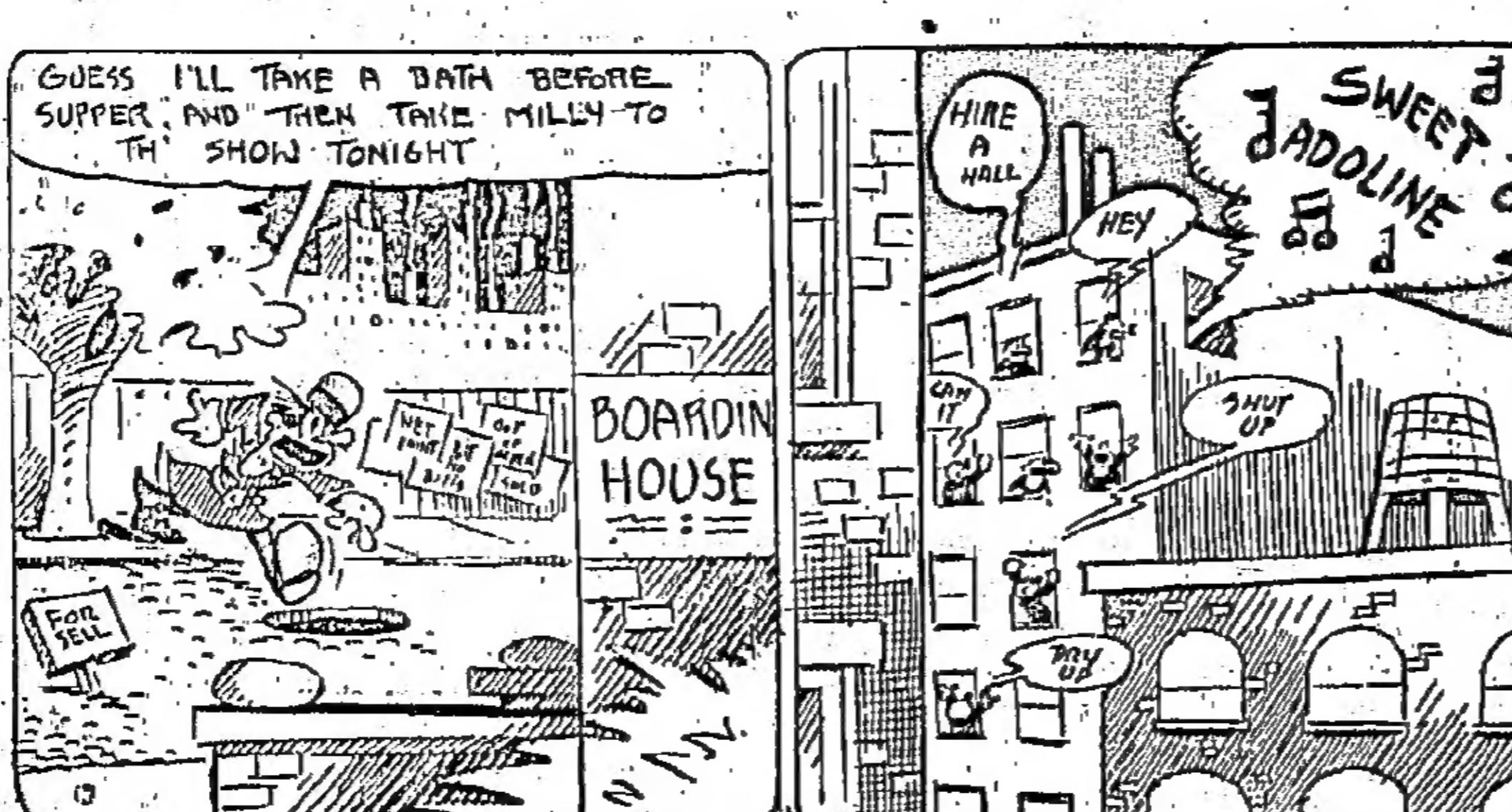
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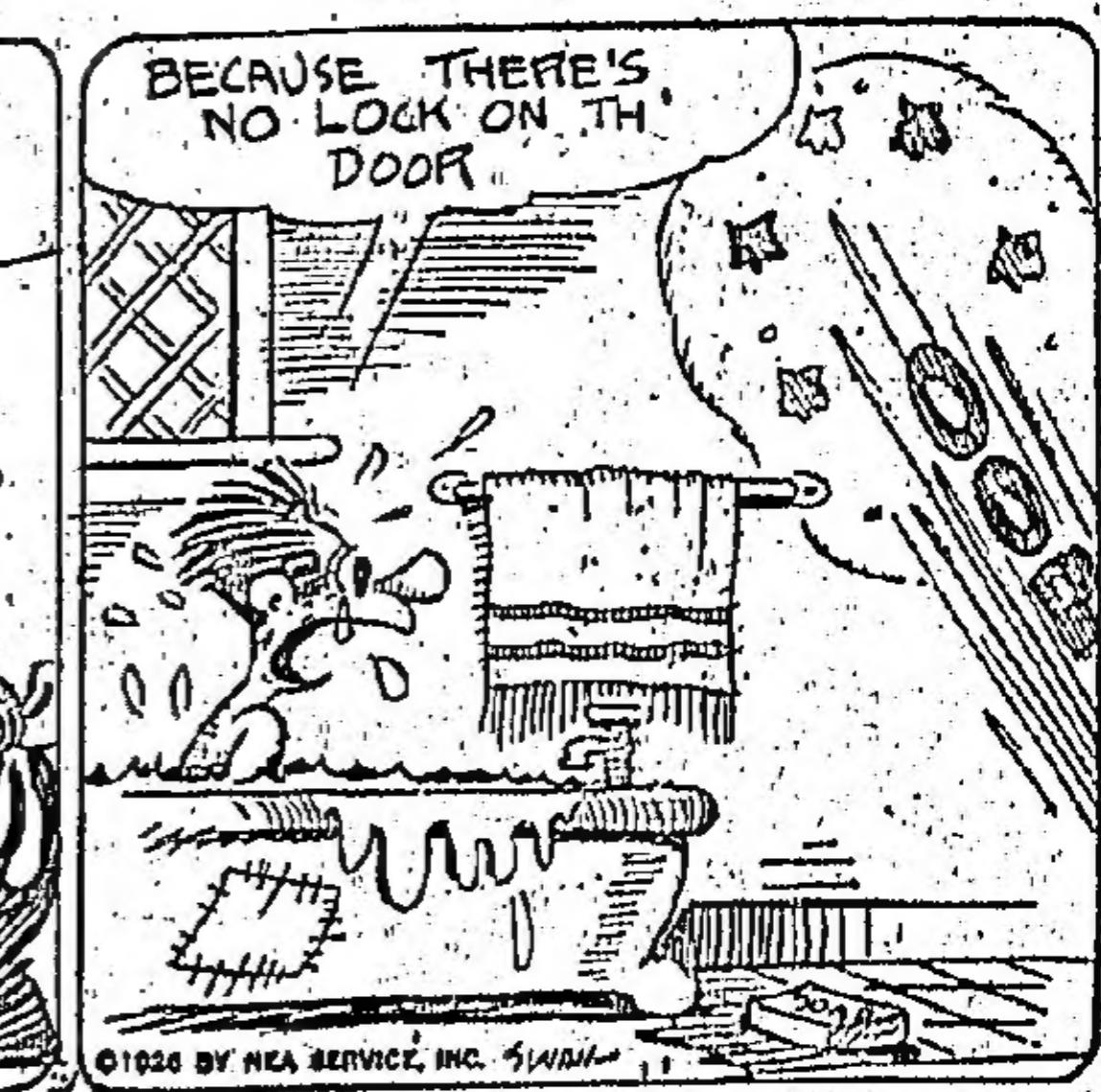
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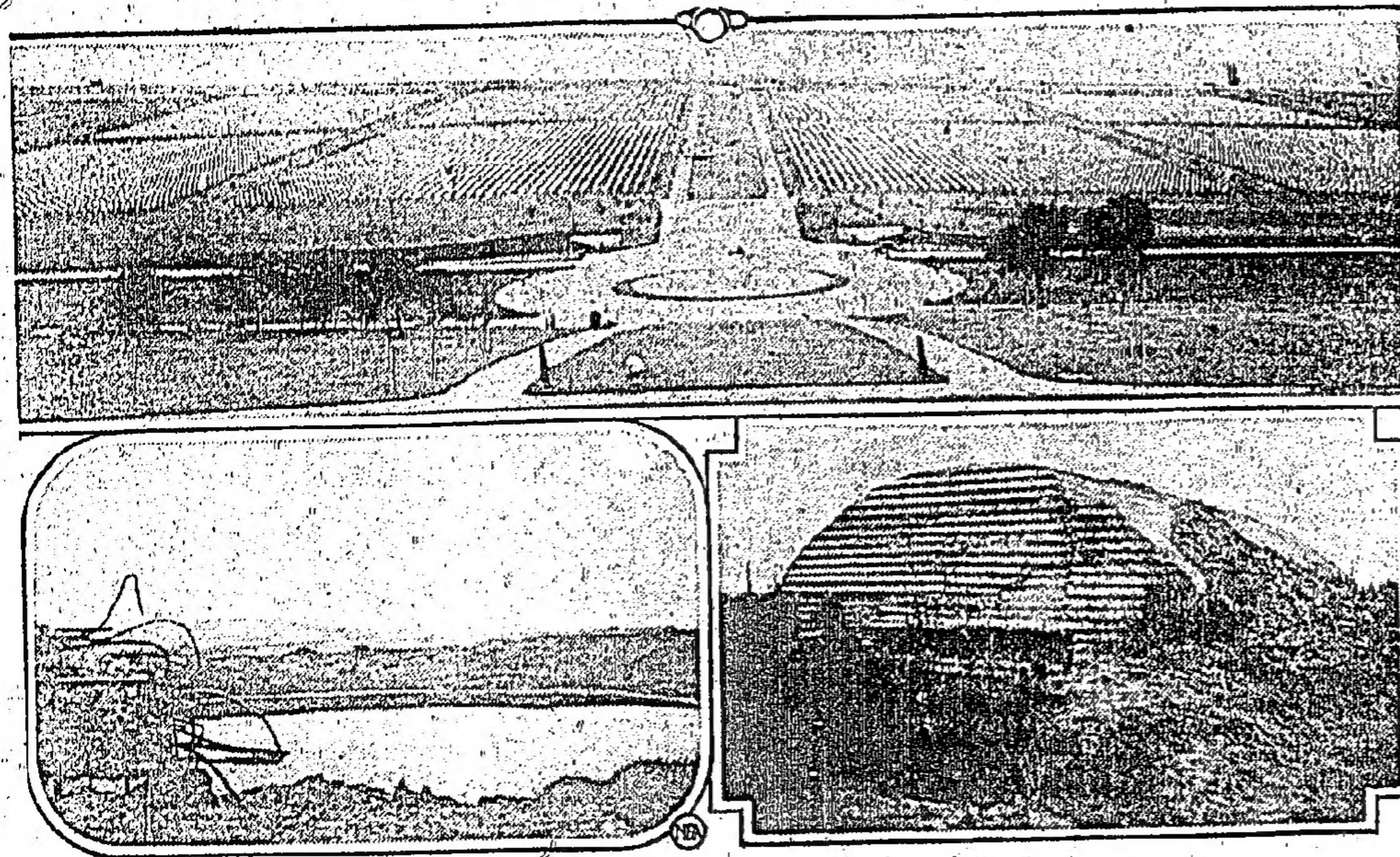
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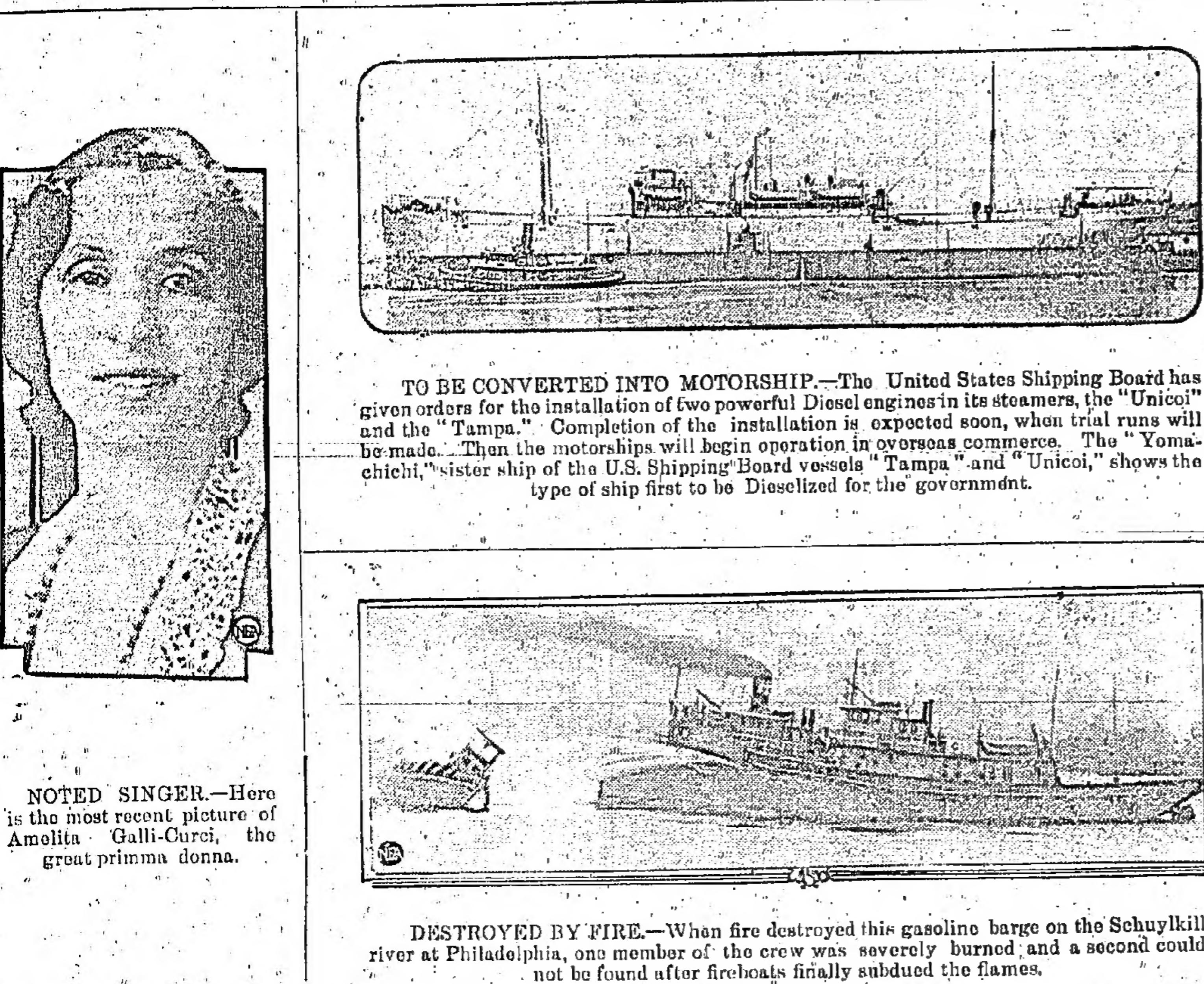




AFTERMATH OF THE GREAT WAR.—Roinagno cemetery in France, resting place of 14,116 American soldiers, is shown in the upper photograph. Most of its dead were victims of the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns. At the left below is one of the great craters of Messines Ridge as it looks today. At the right below is one of the German "pill-boxes" that Belgian farmers now use for storing their crops. The slit in front, near the ground, was for the use of machine gunners.



STRANGE PETS.—Richard Wilson, University of Wisconsin student, caused a small riot when he took eight "pot" snakes to his dormitory. But now the snakes and Wilson's fellow students get along beautifully. Here is Wilson with "Mark Antony," "Cleopatra," and "Julius Caesar."



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NOTED SINGER.—Here is the most recent picture of Amelita Galli-Curci, the great prima donna.

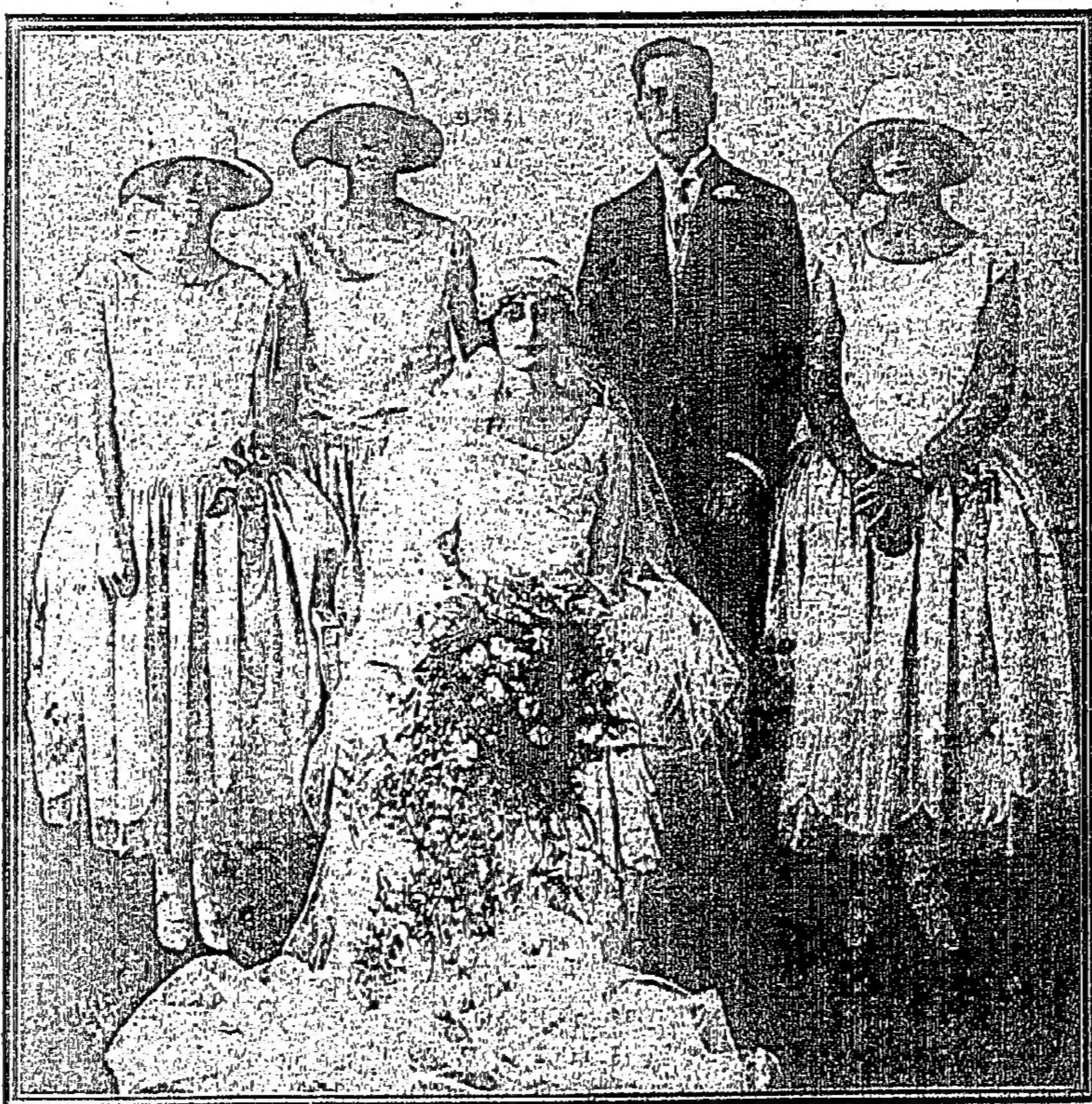
DESTROYED BY FIRE.—When fire destroyed this gasoline barge on the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia, one member of the crew was severely burned, and a second could not be found after fireboats finally subdued the flames.



CUP WINNER.—Major Mario de Bernardi, of the Royal Italian Air Force, got a hilarious ride on the shoulders of his fellow countrymen at Norfolk, Virginia, after winning the Schneider seaplane cup race.



DUCHESS SEEKS DIVORCE.—A divorce suit brought by the Duchess of Torlonia (above) against her Italian husband is pending in the Connecticut Superior Court at Bridgeport. The Duchess, was Elsie Moore and the heiress of the fortune of her father, the late Charles A. Moore, of Greenwich, Connecticut. The Duke contends that the Connecticut court is without jurisdiction.



A PRETTY DECEMBER WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding at the Rachel Synagogue Shanghai, on December 8, of Mr. Hayim E. Hayim and Miss Aline Moses. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayim, of Bombay, and the bride the daughter of Mrs. A. E. M. Moses, of Shanghai. The bridesmaids are Miss Winnie Moses (sister of the bride), Miss Aziza Abraham (cousin of the bride), and Miss Shahmoor.

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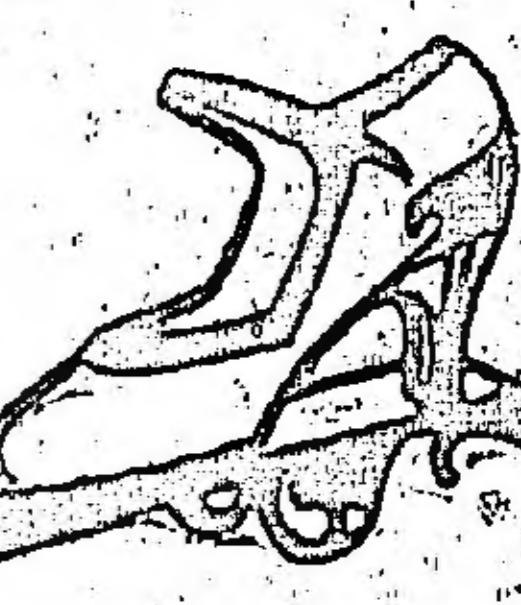
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1927.

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ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The above tournament will open on Monday, January 24th, 1927, when the following events will be competed for:

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Handicap Men's Singles.

Open Men's Doubles.

Handicap Men's Doubles.

Open Ladies Singles.

Handicap Ladies Singles.

Open Mixed Doubles.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

All entries, which will be confined to Members and Subscribers of the Club, should reach the Hon. Secretary by 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th January, 1927. Further details will be issued in due course.

By Order of the

General Committee

(Signed) E. W. MORRIS,

Captain,

Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held at the same place on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1927, and to confirm, if thought fit, a Special Resolution

That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof, save that in the proposed new Article 87 the number of Directors be increased from seven to nine and in the proposed new Article 89 the remuneration of \$7,000.00 per annum be increased to \$9,000.00 per annum.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red, can be seen during the usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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MACAO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstakes will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

We have to-day admitted Mr. Michael Howard Turner as a partner in our Firm.

DEACONS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of the UNIVERSAL AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY, situated at 61, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, is under new management and proprietorship. Beginning January 15, 1927, the said firm shall be changed to and hereafter known as the UNIVERSAL MOTOR and Supply Company.

NOTICE.

As successor to the old company, the new management will be very glad to continue all the established relationship between our business friends and also extend their hearty welcome to new patrons for the coming year.

RIDDLE OF FAMOUS CHURCH.

EXCAVATIONS IN LONDON.

"Is St. Etheldreda's Church in quaint, historic Ely-place, Holborn, the ancient Christian Church of London?"

This is the riddle archaeologists will attempt to solve when they begin their excavations ten feet below the ground under two blocks of diamond, merchants' offices in Hatton-garden.

The two buildings will be pulled down early next month. They are probably 200 years old.

The rector of St. Etheldreda's Catholic Church, the Rev. Bernard Roe, has applied for permission to examine the foundations of the basement. He will probably have the assistance of eminent archaeologists.

Both buildings back on St. Etheldreda's, and Father Roe and those who are cooperating with him hope to find something which will lead them to the key to the riddle of the church's age.

"I believe we shall be able to prove beyond doubt that this church is the ancient Christian Church of London," said Father Roe to *Daily Express* representative. "No doubt we shall discover that the church dates back to the fourth or fifth century."

"I am basing my conclusions entirely on archaeological grounds. The first is the site which the church occupies in the ancient Holborn-road, which stretched from South Wales, across the Cottswolds, to London. An ancient British church was always on the north side of the old Roman road.

The second argument is that a British church always stood on the top of a low hill.

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Dor A. Wing, \$6 n.

H'kong Electric, \$56 b.

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Ropes (Old) \$10 s.

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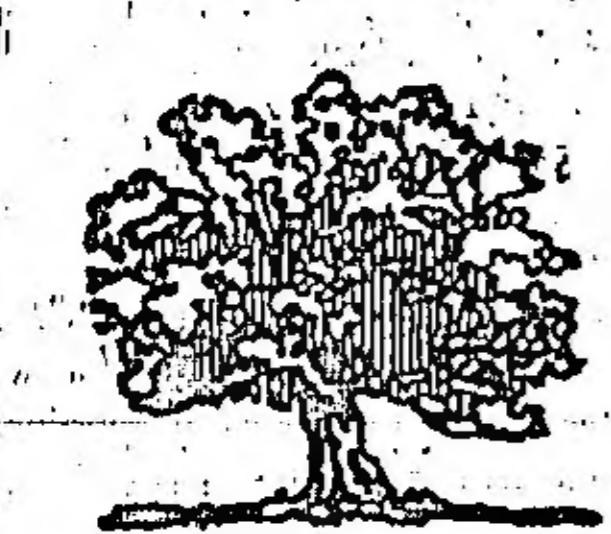
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Extension of the service to provincial subscribers may be possible later, and in continental countries in telephonic communication with London by land lines the prospect of effecting calls to America through London by means of the new wireless link is being discussed.

Calls from London to New York will be booked in a normal manner, the subscriber asking the local exchange for the American service and giving the name and number of the New York subscriber with whom he desires to speak. The service will be open daily from 1.30 to 6 p.m., British time, at a charge of £5 per minute.

The Postmaster General announces that a new Anglo-German telephone cable has been completed, and that the service is now available between London and the provinces and all parts of Germany. —British Wireless.

NICARAGUA REVOLT.

THE UNITED STATES' INTERESTS.

Washington, Jan. 5. President Coolidge was represented at the White House to-day as believing that the United States must continue its present policy of defending American lives in Central America.

It was pointed out that there is a large number of American nationals in Nicaragua who control vast commercial enterprises. Further, the United States has purchased rights, at the cost of \$33,000,000 to build a canal across the country and also to establish a naval base at Fonseca Bay. —Reuter's American Service.

More Marines Being Landed.
Managua, Jan. 5.

The United States cruiser Galveston is landing 160 marines at Corinto to-morrow to guard the American Legation at Managua.

All labourers, both native and foreign, are being recruited for service in the conservative army. British, American, and German nationals are protesting against enlistment of coffee pickers. Failure to gather the crop, which is now ready for harvesting, will entail serious loss to the owners.

—Reuter's American Service.

CAIRO-KARACHI SERVICE.

AIR MINISTER NEAR JOURNEY'S END.

Rugby, Jan. 5. The Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, is expected to arrive in Karachi to-day.

The De Havilland Hercules biplane in which, accompanied by Lady Maud Hoare, and Air Vice-Marshal Salmon, Sir Samuel Hoare is undertaking his great flight by way of inaugurating the new Cairo-Karachi air service, reached Jask from Bushire yesterday, and on to-day's stage will be escorted by air officers from Karachi.

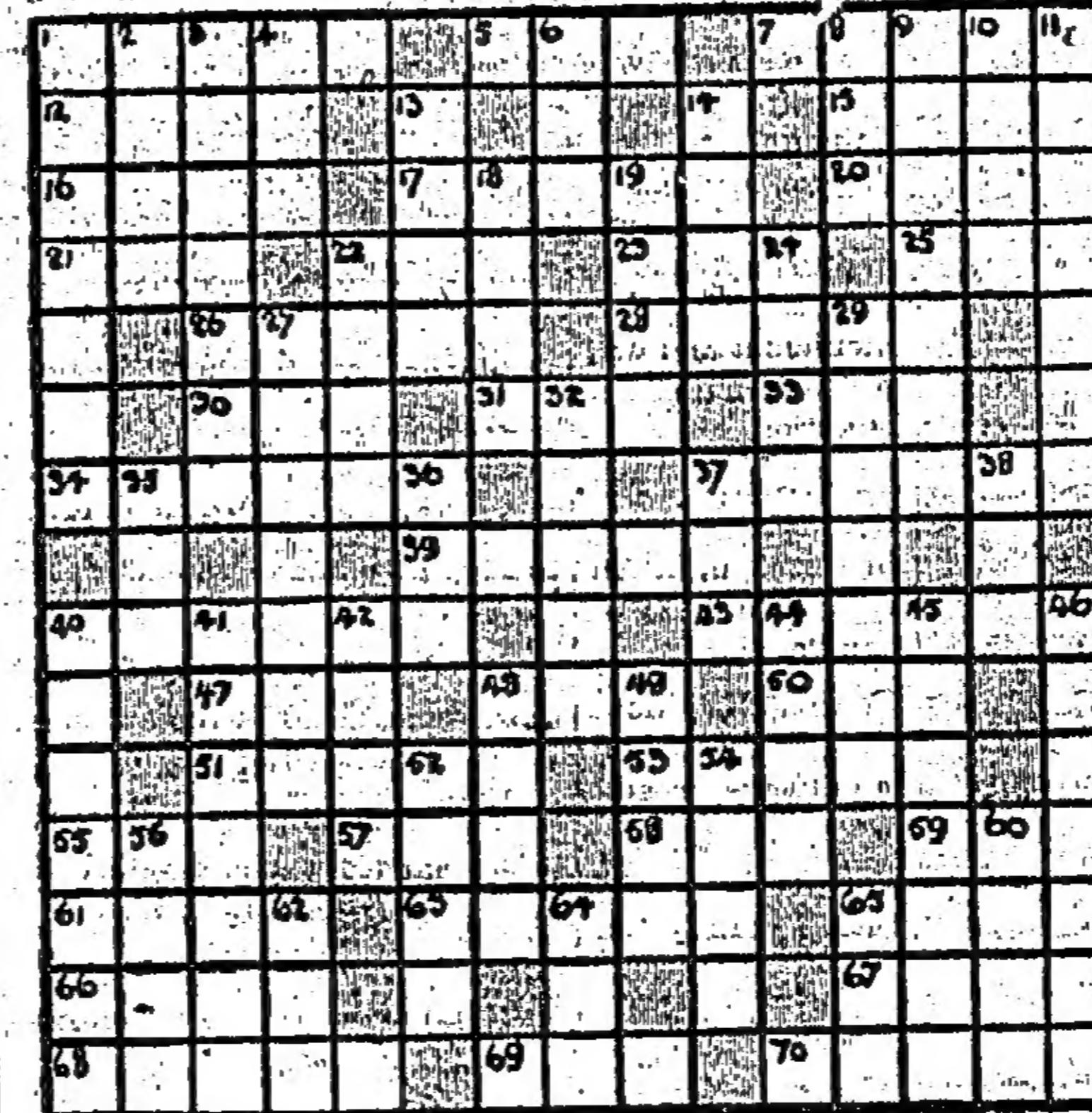
Sir Samuel Hoare left London nine days ago. —British Wireless.

A Delay.
Delhi, Jan. 5. Sir Samuel Hoare's Hercules air-liner, after leaving Jask for Karachi, made a forced landing between Jask and Tansi owing to a sandstorm, and returned to Jask. —Reuter.

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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1. Rocking stone.
2. Minnie.
3. Measure of length.
4. Hebrew month.
5. Broad smile.
6. Distance.
7. Star-like plant.
8. Sea-bird.
9. Summer food.
10. Portion.
11. Contend.
12. Ocean.
13. Poplar.
14. Age of the moon on January 1st.
15. Road making material.
16. State of equality.
17. Part of a fish.
18. Rages.
19. Pertaining to birth.
20. Enlist.
21. Became aware of.
22. Atmosphere.
23. Look closely.
24. Consumed.
25. Breathed heavily.
26. Fertile spots in deserts.
27. Tap.
28. Liquor.
29. Regret.
30. Prophet.
31. Dry.
32. Carnivorous mammal.
33. Journey.
34. Tree.
35. Evening.
36. Grave-philosophers.
37. Emmet.
38. Part of an act.

Down.

1. Thin plates.
2. Pertaining to tide.
3. Shaped like a helmet.
4. Exist.
5. Strike lightly.
6. Article of food.
7. Property holder.
8. Irrigate (Colloq.).



Yesterday's Puzzle.

1. CAMICIA.
2. ORBITA.
3. ASPS.
4. OPEN.
5. SEAT.
6. LADOM.
7. MAT.
8. TABATERS.
9. TRI.
10. ECLAT.
11. ARAL.
12. MALLE.
13. FAL.
14. PERISH.
15. TEMPER.
16. TIE.
17. PAT.
18. IT.
19. TENSE.
20. A.
21. LANENT.
22. ARE.
23. NAG.
24. RAG.
25. ROE.
26. GERMS.
27. ASS.
28. TABATE.
29. IT.
30. MALLETT.
31. T.
32. CATENA.
33. AD.
34. MAIL.
35. MATE.
36. SAC.
37. SCAL.
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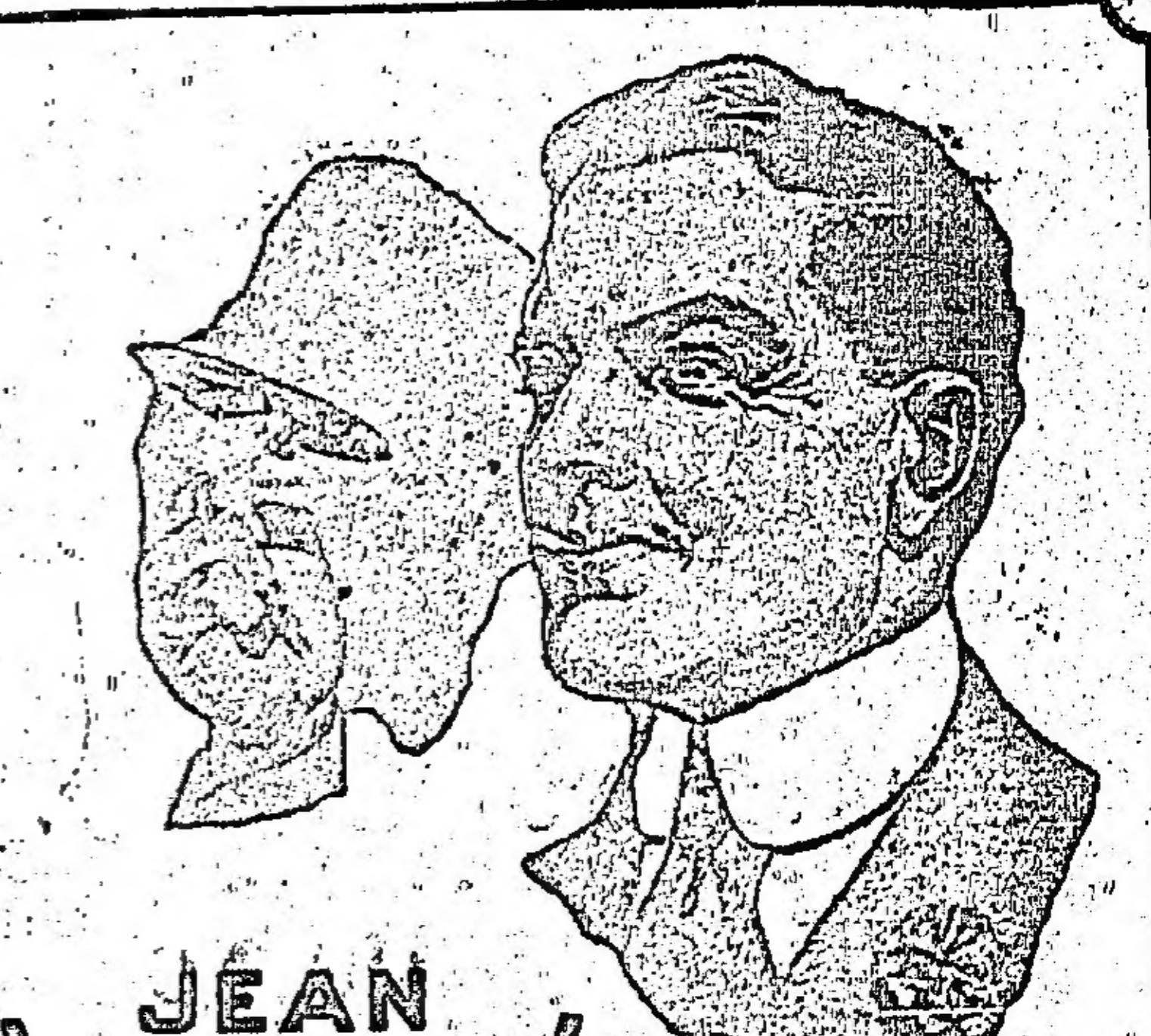
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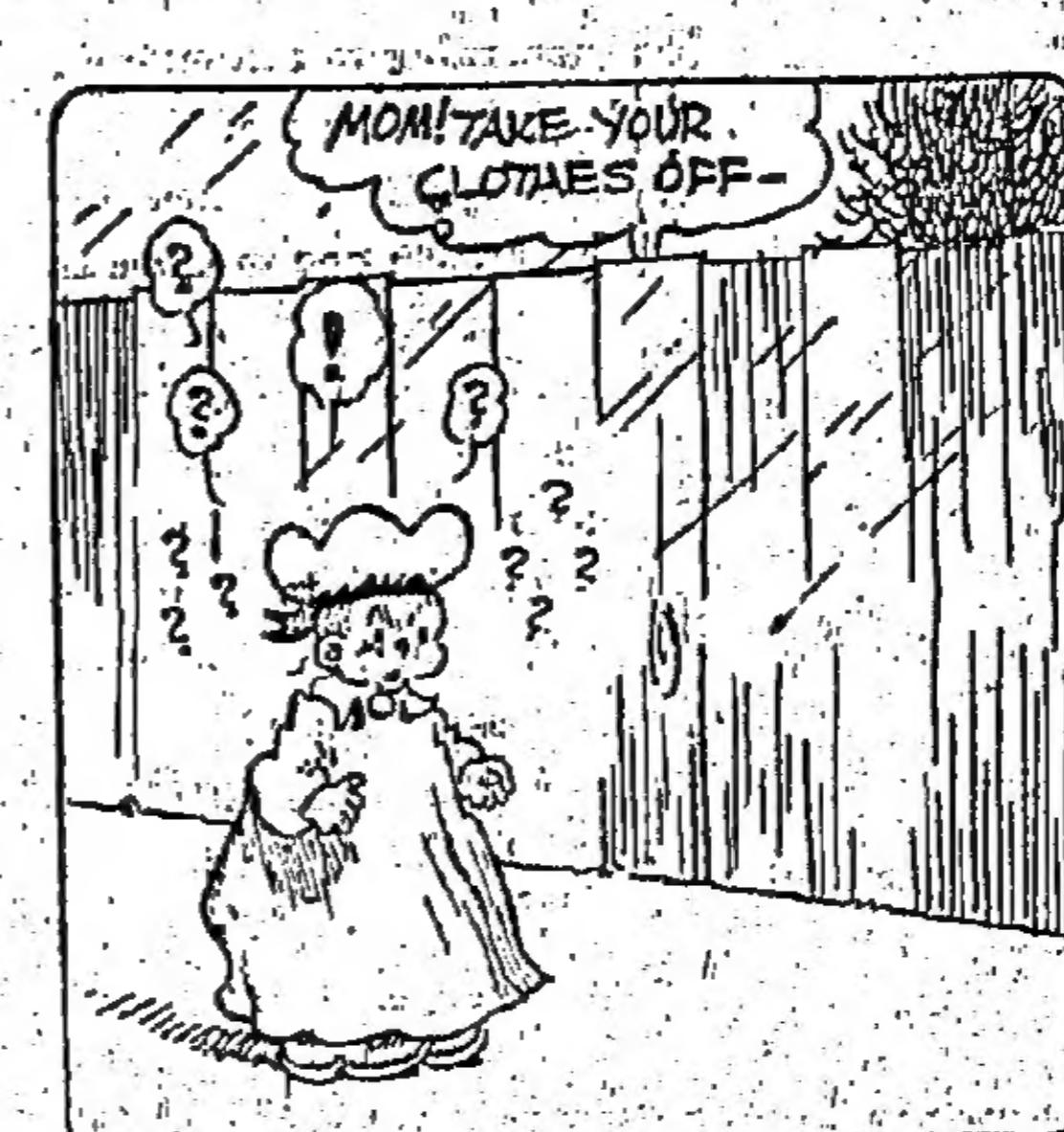
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DEATH.

RÖZA.—At Kowloon, on 5th January, 1927, Mrs. Zephia Maria da Röza. Deeply regretted. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. on the 6th instant.

The Telegraph

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1927

THE HANKOW CRISIS.

All other news for us here the Far East has been dwarfed for the past two or three days by the reports of really grave happenings at Hankow—happenings so serious that they might well have great historic repercussions. Whatever might be the eventual aim of the Nationalist programme regarding the return to China of the various foreign Concessions there can be not the slightest excuse for any attempt to regain those Concessions by force or for incitement to mob violence so that the lives of foreigners are so gravely imperilled as to make evacuation an immediate expedient. But it would seem that China is slow to learn the lessons of history, for there is not the slightest doubt that an organised effort is being made to drive the British out of Hankow—a proceeding which can only result in a contention of force, which is least to be desired for the sake of all concerned. We have had another instance of lying Chinese propaganda, similar to the lies and distortions which were circulated after the Shantung Bund affair in June, 1925. British Marines did not kill or in any way injure a single Chinese in the incidents which took place on the Hankow Bund on Monday last. On the contrary, they displayed a caution and tolerance which has been warmly tributed by all. Yet the Chinese agitators of Hankow have told stories of cruel and wanton killing by the British Marines and have telegraphed such a fabrication all over the world. The Government authorities (according to a Reuter's message) have been associated with indignation meetings called to "disarm the British and to drive them from the Concession" and this is surely an outstanding instance of indiscretion. If the Nationalist Government does not know any better than to think that the restoration to China of the treaty Concessions can be secured by force, then it is pitifully equipped with brains and will prove to be not the saviour of its country but the scourge.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Labour Leader, said only

as recently as Monday last that "the old conditions of China have imposed on us obligations which must remain until we are relieved of them by negotiation" and that is a phrase pregnant with force at the present juncture. All the Concessions are the outcome of "old conditions"—conditions under which it was not possible for foreigners to stay in China and conduct trade unless they had places set specially apart. The Concessions are legitimately theirs to keep inviolate as sanctuaries of safety and comfort, and anything designed to rob them by force of those sanctuaries is the act of an enemy and also an act of war. If and when any Concessions are to be handed back to China (as they must all be when other conditions make such a proceeding possible) they must be returned as the result of formal negotiations and agreements similar to those by which they were originally conceded. It would appear that at Hankow the British forces were withdrawn because matters had gone to a point where to have landed Marines and asserted full rights would have precipitated a serious happening and endangered civilian lives. The British Concession has been left in the care of Cantonese troops, and it is to be hoped that the Chinese authorities will take the earliest and every possible step to bring about a set of conditions in which there will be no interference with British privileges and liberties.

The sympathy of Britishers and foreigners here will go out to their fellow nationals in Hankow in the trying times through which they are passing, and also to the British civil and naval officials on whose conduct so much of great importance depends. The patience and forbearance shown hitherto have been a testimony and an earnest of Britain's desire to be friendly.

Bias Bay Pirates.

The story of the piracy of the Chinese-owned steamer Heng An, which we published yesterday, shows that the procedure followed by the pirates closely resembled that of previous affairs in which steamers have been seized by cut-laws travelling as passengers and the vessels taken to Bias Bay. In the Canton report of the affair, no mention was made of the fact that the boat was taken to this notorious neighbourhood, but the point is now fully established. As we stated yesterday, this is the first incident of its kind since the Sunning piracy, and it goes to prove beyond any question that the promised suppression of the Bias Bay bandits has not been effected.

As we well know, Hongkong was quite willing to co-operate with the Canton authorities in this work, and matters even went so far as the visit of two Hongkong officials to Canton to discuss possible plans of campaign. Unhappily, the Canton officials did not care for the idea of co-operation, preferring that the expedition be undertaken by Chinese troops. There could, of course, be no objection to that attitude, providing there was an assurance that the job would be properly tackled. It would now appear, however, that little, if anything, has been done to rout out the pirates, and that such military movements as have taken place have been aimed rather at the "independent" General than at the bandits. This failure to clear out the pirate hordes from the notorious region is to be much regretted, as Chinese as well as foreigners have greatly suffered from their activities. Moreover, a strong move by Canton would have been regarded as evidence of a determination to maintain law and order in the localities supposedly under its control.

A tram collector was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day with tendering false silver change to a passenger, the charge being in respect of three counterfeit 5-cent pieces and twelve 10-cent pieces which were alleged to have been kept in the defendant's money satchel. The case was adjourned.

A hawker, charged with lacking a licence, said in reply to evidence given by a Chinese constable that he was running after some truck coolies to return some fish which had been dropped on the roadway. His story was not believed, and a fine of \$3 was inflicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

The many friends of Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, of the Hongkong Police, will extend sincere sympathies to him on the death of his father, Mr. John Grant, at Pöllwyck Brans, Glenside. The late Mr. Grant, who was 83 years of age, was formerly farm manager, at Minore Distillery, Banffshire.

Coupons due on December 1 of the Chinese Imperial Railway Five per cent. Gold Loan (Shanghai Nanking Railway), and Imperial Chinese Government Five per cent. Shanghai Hangchow Ningpo Railway Loan were paid on that date by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

DAY BY DAY.

THE EXPECTATIONS OF LIFE DEPEND UPON DILIGENCE, AND THE MECHANIC THAT WOULD PERFECT HIS WORK, MUST FIRST SHARPEN HIS TOOLS.—Confucius.

"Musical Jottings," by "Allegro," will appear next Thursday.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of diphtheria, one being Chinese.

The Observatory's weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: East or variable winds; light; fine.

On and after Saturday, the winter supply in the rider main districts west of Garden Road will be restricted to two hours daily.

Mr. Harold Dollar, left by the Empress of Asia on his return to Shanghai at noon to-day, after a brief stay in Hongkong, where he was engaged on business.

December was an extremely dry month, for, according to the records of the Botanical Gardens, there was only 0.16-inch of rain, this being spread over five days.

A car, driven by Mr. Nissim, knocked down and injured a Chinese woman in Queen's Road East yesterday. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia to-day were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gledart, Mrs. T. R. Percy, Mr. R. M. Austin and Mr. E. F. Townsend.

Anti-rabies treatment is being administered to a Chinese at the Government Civil Hospital, who was sent from Tai O yesterday after having been bitten by a dog.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. C. A. de Röza in the death of his mother, a well-known and highly respected resident who has resided for many years in the Colony.

Passengers arriving by the Blue Funnel liner Sarpedon to-day included Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bally, Mr. J. H. Underwood, Mr. T. O. Lammert, and Mr. R. A. Mills. Lady Jane Grey was a passenger by the same boat.

A case of suicide is believed to have been revealed by the discovery at Castle-Peak of the body of a Chinese with his throat cut open. The deceased has been identified as being a broker named Lo Yuen-pang, who lived at No. 467, Shanghai Street, Yaumati.

There was considerable movement of shipping during the twenty-four hours ending at 9 a.m. to-day. Nineteen vessels arrived and thirteen departed, the number of vessels in Harbour this morning being 68. Seven British ships arrived and three departed.

A banquet in honour to prominent military leaders in Canton was given at the Russian Club in Tungshan last Sunday evening. General Li Chai-sum, General Li Fuk-lum and the chiefs of various military departments were present. A Russian dinner was served and Russian songs given.

A tram collector was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day with tendering false silver change to a passenger, the charge being in respect of three counterfeit 5-cent pieces and twelve 10-cent pieces which were alleged to have been kept in the defendant's money satchel. The case was adjourned.

A hawker, charged with lacking a licence, said in reply to evidence given by a Chinese constable that he was running after some truck coolies to return some fish which had been dropped on the roadway. His story was not believed, and a fine of \$3 was inflicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

The many friends of Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, of the Hongkong Police, will extend sincere sympathies to him on the death of his father, Mr. John Grant, at Pöllwyck Brans, Glenside. The late Mr. Grant, who was 83 years of age, was formerly farm manager, at Minore Distillery, Banffshire.

The latest river boats to reinstate their old crews are the two vessels of the Sze Yap Steamship Company. On Tuesday night, 110 of these men arrived from Canton, and the Tai Lee, which left yesterday for Kowloon, carries a full complement. The On Lee leaves to-morrow with a similar crew. It is learned that negotiations are proceeding with a view to similar reinstatement on the West River boats.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

FANCY DRESS DANCE AT KOWLOON.

Between eighty and ninety pupils of the Kowloon Central British School had an enjoyable time at the school last evening, when the annual fancy dress Christmas dance and party were held in the hall. There were many parents, friends and former pupils present, including Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, the Rev. J. H. Johnston, and Mrs. B. Wyke.

Generally speaking the display of fancy dresses was remarkably good, the dancers showing taste and effectiveness, and the judges, Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Bennett, were confronted with a difficult task in deciding who should be given the prizes for the best costumes. Eventually they decided the winners as follows:

Girls:—1, M. Bryson, (Toy soldier); 2, M. George, (well-pressed).

Boys:—1, G. Arnold, (Russian nobleman); 2, H. Brown, (superstitions); special prize, V. Levkovich.

Mr. G. F. Nightingale, the Headmaster, introduced Mrs. B. Wyke, who distributed the prizes, after which he thanked her for accepting their invitation to attend. He also expressed thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, and Mrs. Bennett for providing special prizes, to Mrs. George and Miss M. George, who had so kindly taken charge of the refreshments, and to Mr. George Bond, for officiating at the piano.

Three cheers were given for the Headmaster, after which the remainder of the evening was given up to dancing.

WORLD CRUISE.

"EMPERESS" DUE HERE NEXT MONTH.

The Empress of Scotland, flagship of the Canadian Pacific fleet, sailed from New York on December 2nd on her second round-the-world cruise, lasting 132 days. She is due at Hongkong on February 10th. The Empress, which is of 25,000 tons gross register, carried 180 passengers, and will call at 26 ports in 20 countries. The first port of New York will be Funchal, Madeira; then Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Haifa, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Peking, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hills, San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal and Havana will be visited, and the Empress will return to New York on April 12.

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Among the prominent passengers were Prince and Princess Pignatelli of Madison, Conn.; Lady E. Maria Roberts, of London; Mrs. Oscar Straus, of New York, wife of the former Ambassador to Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Walbridge, of New York, and Dr. and Mrs. D. C. M. McKim, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Walbridge is head of several western light and power companies and director of the J. G. White Engineering Corporation of New York. Dr. McKim is a noted physician and author, and is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine.

A picturesque figure on board is 73-year-old John Shea, retired tug-boat captain, who is leaving his beloved Lake Superior for a time to survey the oceans of the world.

ASTOR HOUSE BUILDING.

ITS FUTURE USE UNCERTAIN.

As the result of enquiries as to the disposition of the Astor House Hotel now that it has passed into the possession of the Ho Hong Bank interests, we are informed that no ambitious building project is being contemplated just yet, but that, if possible, repair work will be put in hand in regard to that portion of the building where a slight subsidence of the verandah has occurred, necessary shorings being put up.

Otherwise the building, which is less than 30 years old, is quite sound throughout, and its use as an hotel establishment is not impaired. There have been, we understand, a number of enquiries in this direction, but no definite decision can be reached until the repair plans which have now been prepared and submitted by architects, have been approved by the Public Works Department.

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A new and radical form of piano technique is being introduced to the musical world by Henry Cowell, 29-year-old, California composer and pianist—the elbow forte. Cowell, who claims entire credit for the innovation, has devised a technique which utilizes the elbow, forearm and palm as well as the fingers, in his piano playing.

It is possible to strike 48 keys simultaneously by utilizing the "sensitized elbow" according to the musician, who has astonished critics in Europe and America by his new technique in tonal effects. In playing via the new technique Cowell wears buttonless sleeves. His discovery, he said, was the result of 10 years of practice and experimentation.

He loved to slide down shiny boards, and often took a chance. The times he had were rippling. He can prove it by his pants.

Wife: "Forgive me for asking, dear, but father says you can't meet your creditors." Husband: "It is false, dearest. I meet them every day." "Bless you, dearie! I know it wasn't true."

A New York theatre is handing each person that arrives after the show has started a brief synopsis of the first act so that they can pick up the trend of the show. Such a synopsis would be useful to some Hongkong audiences.

During an examination in English, the candidates were asked to write a short paragraph containing the words, "Calm, collected, crossing and consternation."

One bright lad submitted the following:

"The absent-minded professor had almost congratulated himself on crossing the busy thoroughfare in safety when, to his consternation, he saw a stream of traffic bearing down upon him. With great presence of mind he stood quite calm. The traffic passed on and he was collected."

G. V. Laman, a farmer near Portia, Kansas, has found the secret for keeping contented farm hands and taking the dreariness out of farm work.

In a letter to the *Hastings Tribune*, Laman expressed his thanks to the paper for broadcasting the world series and other sports events over radio station KFKX. Placing his radio set and a loud speaker in the hay field, Laman and his farm hands sat down while listening to the play-by-play description of the games. "We stacked more hay each day this year than ever before," Laman wrote.

Once upon a time a school teacher asked her class what Henry VIII did to Anne Boleyn, and the bright child made answer, "Please, teacher, he ironed on her." When teacher, puzzled, begged for further knowledge, the bright child opened her history to triumphantly point to the sentence, "Henry VIII then pressed his suit upon Anne Boleyn."

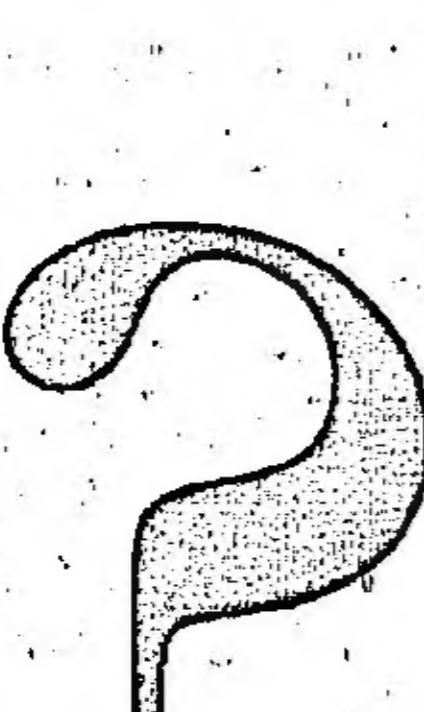
When Napoleon once contemplated a highly militaristic visit to England, he little realized that his hope of an invasion would help relieve the housing situation in England.

The War Office has announced that one of the ancient coastal defense fortifications, consisting of a small house with walls six feet thick and with gun emplacements on the top, is for sale. Several similar fortifications dot the coasts of southeastern England. At present their only occupants are knights of the road, who frequently repose in them.

It is now the contention of the movie that criminologists make the best scenario writers.

"This may sound formidable to the average person," declares Tod Browning, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer director, "but criminology is a study of man. The most humane men of my acquaintance are noted detectives and criminologists. They have learned to fathom the minds and motives of the human race, an ability which every good scenario writer must have. The realism of the screen consists of the portrayal of authentic mental reactions. The scenario writer who can set them down on paper has the mind of criminologists." Browning is noted for his direction of such crook stories as "The Unholy Threesome" and "The Blackbird."

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BANKNOTE CASE.

MORE ARGUMENT ON APPEAL.

MR. POTTER'S SUBMISSIONS.

The appeal against a judgment of Mr. Justice Wood, who held that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were liable to pay a \$500 note from which the numbers and date were missing, was continued in the Supreme Court this morning in Appellate Jurisdiction before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood. Mr. Elton Potter, K.C., is for the appellant, whilst the respondent, a Chinese woman, is represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy.

Dealing with the question of a material alteration, Mr. Potter said it was not a question of any one being misled, or a question of changing a document from one thing to another, but if it was a business document and something outside a contract, then it was a material alteration if it affected the purpose for which the instrument was created. He supported every word of the Master of the Rolls, when he said the alteration of a material word was sufficient.

NUMBER MATERIAL.

Referring to Mr. Justice Wood's judgment, Mr. Potter said he had found that the number of a banknote was a material part, and once it was conceded that the number was a material part, then the law was clearly laid down that an alteration to such a number was a material alteration, and he submitted that if their Lordships found that the erasure was a material alteration, then judgment should be for the Bank.

One of the points they had to decide was whether the parts which were missing from the note were material. If the Court said "Yes," then he would submit that it did not matter whether it was done accidentally or intentionally, although in the case under consideration they had the human agency and the finding, on Mr. Justice Wood's part, of negligence. Mr. Potter then quoted from a case supporting his contention that where one had a negotiable instrument or guarantee the duty was upon the holder to preserve it intact—that was, to preserve it intact in a material way.

Referring to Section 64 of the Ordinance, dealing with alterations, the Chief Justice said the Section contained the words "assent of both parties liable on the bill." Would it be possible to argue, he asked, that an accidental alteration, not being one to which the assent of the parties could be given, was not within the provision of those words?

ACCIDENTAL ALTERATION.

Mr. Potter replied that his answer would be no. What his Lordship had put to him was, in more crude language, that it could be accidental. The words "Without the assent of all parties," he contended, were the preservation of the old Common Law rule. He submitted that the words were merely put in as one of the matters which the plaintiff must prove. The plaintiff had in fact proved it in the case under consideration, and explained the alteration to the note.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said a test for a banknote case was: "Is the number a material part of the document?"

The Chief Justice:—And once you have done that there is no more.

Mr. Potter:—Not in this case, My Lord; the date.

The Chief Justice:—Assuming the alteration is material, then in a sense your case proves itself."

Mr. Potter:—Absolutely, My Lord. If the unfortunate person on the other side is precluded from recovering on the note itself, then she can recover on the original consideration.

The Chief Justice remarked that he did not think that would help the respondent greatly in that case.

HYPOTHETICAL CASE.

Taking Mr. Potter up on another point, the Chief Justice said that assuming a rat ate its way into a desk where a note was locked up, and ate away the numbers and the date, would Mr. Potter say, although there was no negligence, and although the holder had done everything he could, to keep the note safe, that the document was materially altered without the assent of all parties, and that therefore, under no circum-

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

THE DEPARTURE FROM ENGLAND.

Rugby, Jan. 5. The Duke and Duchess of York leave London to-morrow morning for Portsmouth where their Royal Highnesses will embark in the battle-cruiser H.M.S. Renown for their Australian tour. The King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family, the Premier and other Ministers, will be present at Victoria Station to bid them farewell. The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry and Prince George will accompany them to Portsmouth. When the Duke and Duchess go aboard the Renown, the Duke's standard will be hoisted on the mainmast of the warship and other warships in harbour will fire a Royal salute of 21 guns. The Renown will be escorted out to sea by four destroyers, and five flying-boats will accompany her around the Isle of Wight.

The primary object of the Duke's visit to Australia is to open, on behalf of the King, the new Federal Parliament Buildings at Canberra, which will be the Capital of the Commonwealth. The Duke and Duchess will pay visits to all the chief towns of Australia and New Zealand. They are going out westward, reaching the Pacific by way of the Panama Canal and are returning by way of the Suez Canal. The tour will occupy six months, and it is officially announced that during the absence of the Duke and Duchess, their baby, Princess Elizabeth, will remain with her Majesty the Queen.

The Duke has received the following message from the Governor-General of Australia: "The Government and people of the Commonwealth eagerly await your coming and are looking forward to the opportunity of acceding you a loyal and affectionate welcome."

The Duke has replied: "The Duchess and I cordially thank the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia for their message, which we deeply appreciate. We are keenly looking forward to our visit to your great country. Albert."—British Wireless.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 5. There is great excitement over the inauguration of the trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service on January 7, and hundreds of written applications for calls have already been received, but the American Telegraph and Telephone Company state that only bookings made over the telephone will be accepted.

Officials say that the privacy of "conversation" cannot be guaranteed at present.—Reuters' American Service.

stances, the Bank could say "We won't pay this" and decline any responsibility? No case, added the Chief Justice, had gone as far as that.

Mr. Potter replied that in the case under consideration "the alteration, obliteration, or whatever it might be, was in fact caused by negligence, while in the actual custody of the holder."

The Chief Justice remarked that Mr. Potter said under the words of Section 64, as he had just put it, the Bank would be able to say they had not produced a document in a certain form, which meant it was not recognisable as a numbered note, and therefore they would be justified in refusing to pay.

Mr. Potter agreed that he was prepared to say that, and went on to quote authorities on the subject.

Later, the Chief Justice remarked that the hypothetical rat case might be extreme, and Mr. Potter replied that it was a good test for a case. Although it was not necessary for him to go as far as that case went, he expressed himself as ready to go as far as necessary, and contended that he was supported by authorities. Quoting from authorities, Mr. Potter referred to one in which it was held that a material alteration must void a document.

The case is proceeding.

RICE EXPORTS.

NEW REGULATIONS IN CANTON.

CONFISCATION RULES.

New regulations, designed to check the smuggling of cereals out of Kwangtung, without payment of export tax, have been drafted by the Ministry of Finance and passed by the Central Political Council in Canton.

The chiefs of the various inspection bureaux, to be established, have been appointed. Tao Shao-pin will serve at Canton, Wu Ying-shu at Kongmoo, Lu Luh-shang at Swatow, Ku Yen-san at Tsengshing, Huang I-chi at Sheki and Sze-to-Yao at Chanciuen. Detailed regulations have been issued as follows:

LIMIT FIXED.

A limit of 10,000 piculs is placed on the shipment of rice from Kwangtung.

Before cereals are allowed to be exported, the number of bags and the destination must be declared at the Ministry and transit certificates secured. Unless shipments are accompanied by certificates, the goods will be treated as smuggled goods.

There will be a charge of one dollar, silver, for each picul.

These certificates must be produced at inland stations and be checked. No trouble is to be given to the shipper at the inland stations.

The number of bags and the destination must correspond with the declaration on the certificate. No contraband goods or other articles can be included in the cereal shipment. No alterations will be permitted on the certificate by the shipper.

TO PUNISH VIOLATIONS.

Punishment for violation of these regulations will be as follows:

Goods, not declared on the certificate, will be confiscated and a fine of 100 to 1,000 per cent. of the value of the goods, where that value does not exceed \$500, will be collected. In case a certificate is altered, the rice on which duty was not paid will be confiscated and the offender sent to court for trial and punishment.

Confiscated goods will be put up for sale and the sum realised together with fines, will be held by the Ministry. A reward will be given to agents connected with the seizure of goods.

Inspection bureaux will be established at the various seaports, with specially appointed deputies to look after inspection and to withdraw certificates after their cancellation.

A fifty per cent. reward will be given, to the inspection bureau on smuggling of goods seized. Twenty-five per cent. of this will go to the man who made the report that led to the confiscation.

CIGARETTE SMUGGLING.

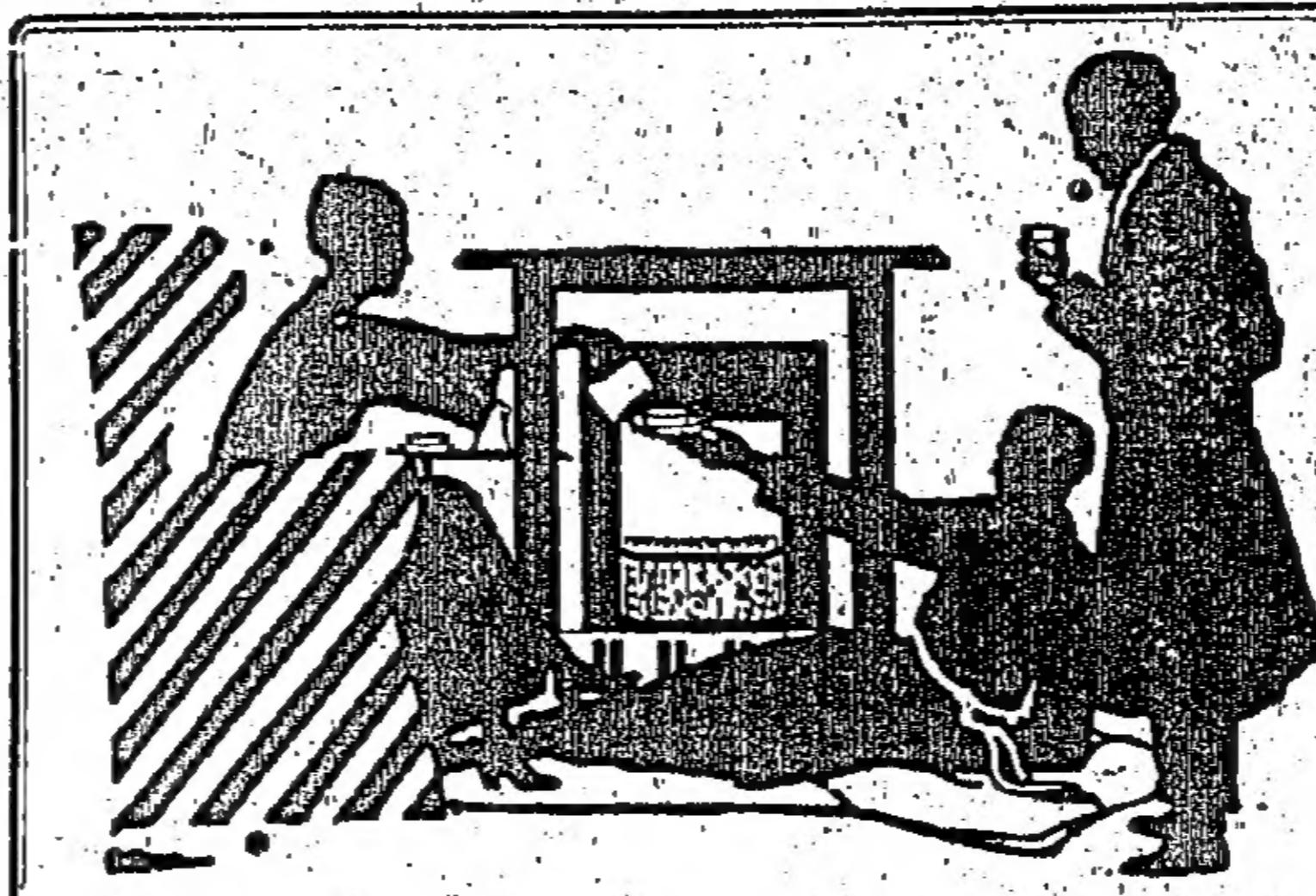
The Ministry of Finance, in addition to issuing a notification for the prohibition of the smuggling of untaxed cigarettes and foreign wine from Shumeen, has also given strict orders to the chief of the Preventive Service to post detectives near the Eastern and Western Bridge of Shumeen, and the creek around the island for the arrest of persons engaged in smuggling cigarettes and wine to the city without first paying the legal duty.

Since the resumption of communications between Canton and Shumeen, says the *Canton Gazette*, smugglers from Shumeen have brought in large quantities of cigarettes and liquor, without having Revenue Stamps affixed thereon, for sale in the vicinity of Shumeen Road, a gang is said to have been formed to carry on the illicit traffic in smuggled goods on an extensive scale. It is estimated that the Government is thereby defrauded of a large amount of revenue monthly.

COTTON PROBLEMS.

MANCHESTER'S NEW SCHEME CONDEMNED.

London, Jan. 5. Manchester cotton circles are eagerly discussing the scheme for a new Cotton Yarn Association. Sir Charles Macrae has said that he is surprised that the cotton trade was obliged to summon a London economist to tell them what to do, and he is of opinion that no scheme is likely to succeed unless the claims of the Co-operatives are respected. He advocates a moratorium for the cotton trade to save a "colossal disaster,"—Reuters.



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At the London Council meeting it was reported that the council hall was now fully occupied, and that arrangements were necessary to find accommodation outside for some of the council staff.

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This advertisement is issued by the British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.

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WANHSIEN INCIDENT.

(Continued From Page 2.)
confined in the latter ship. Immediately Chinese soldiers under cover in the Wanhsien opened fire upon the rescue party. This was at 5.30 p.m. Directly the first shots were fired, the Klawo, H.M.S. Cockchafer and H.M.S. Widgeon all came under a heavy rifle machine-gum and field-gun fire from entrenched positions on shore, and also from the soldiers on the S.S. Wanhsien.

His Majesty's gunboats at first returned the fire from the two ships "only" to facilitate the rescue of the imprisoned officers. As, however, a heavy and continuous fire was directed upon them from soldiers in houses and streets in the city, and from entrenched positions on both sides of the river, the fire was eventually returned, and some field-guns were silenced and certain attacking positions were set on fire or destroyed.

At about 7.15 p.m., the Klawo, having effected the rescue of the officers on board the S.S. Wanhsien in spite of heavy losses, proceeded under the stern of the S.S. Widgeon. The Captain of this vessel, with the Chief Officer and the Chief Engineer, had climbed over the stern rail and had taken refuge on the rubbing strake, whence the two latter attempted to swim to the French gunboat, Doudart de la Cour. The Chief Officer reached this vessel, but the Chief Engineer was either drowned or shot in the water. His body has not been found.

The Klawo took off the Captain, and as the primary object of the operation was then accomplished, and any further attempt to release the vessels would only have led to further bloodshed, the Klawo stood down river, at 7.25 p.m., followed at intervals of ten minutes by H.M.S. Widgeon and H.M.S. Cockchafer. All these ships were heavily fired upon from both river-banks below the town.

The Casualties.

The British casualties were, on the Klawo three officers and four men killed and one officer and seven men wounded; on H.M.S. Cockchafer one officer and five men wounded.

It was originally stated, from local official Chinese sources during the last week in September, that the Chinese losses were about 200 soldiers and 100 civilians killed, and these figures were repeated when His Majesty's Consul at Ichang inspected the damage to the town with General Yang-sen's Secretary and member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on 4th of October. The subsequent publication of largely inflated figures is therefore clearly a falsification of facts.

On September 7th, General Lu Chin-shan, who was in command at Ichang, offered to negotiate between General Yang-sen and His Majesty's Consul at that place, and it was decided that the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Chung-king, Dr. Ki, should come to Ichang, at which place he arrived on 16th September.

In the meantime, on 12th September, General Lu Chin-shan informed His Majesty's Consul that General Yang-sen was willing to hand back the two steamers, but earnestly requested that gunboats should not proceed up river until the conclusion of negotiations. After some discussion to facilitate a peaceful settlement of the incident, it was on 17th September, conceded that the steamers should be delivered up at Ichang through a non-British intermediary, pilots and crew being provided by General Yang-sen.

It was agreed upon by both parties that the intermediary should be Mr. Lancing Hoyt, an American, of the Yangtze Rapids Steamship Co., and he, in company with Dr. Ki, left for Wanhsien on 20th September. After some discussion there, during which the Chinese officials stated the casualties at the figure to which reference has already been made, he took charge of the two ships and returned to Ichang, at which place they were both handed over to the British Consul, the S.S. Widgeon on the 25th September and S.S. Wanhsien on 28th September.

His Majesty's Consul proceeded up river in the Klawo on 30th September, and exchanged visits with Yang-sen on the 2nd and 5th of October, and thence went to Chungking to take charge of negotiations on outstanding points for settlement.

From the above account of the "Wanhsien Incident," the following points emerge clearly: Not a shot was fired by the British until fire had first been opened by Chinese soldiers concealed in S.S. Wanhsien. Nor did His Majesty's gunboats fire on the troops on land until these gunboats had themselves been subjected for some time to a heavy fusillade from the positions on shore. And finally, it is at no time ever claimed by the Chinese authorities that there was any cause of complaint whatever against the two ships which were seized, or their officers who were forcibly detained. On the contrary, it is plain that the whole incident was provoked by Chinese troops and their leaders.

NEW ADMIRAL.

ARRIVING TO-DAY.

Passengers arriving to-day by s.s. Morea from Hongkong include v.l. Admiral Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., relieving Admiral Sinclair in charge of the China Squadron, accompanied by Lady Tyrwhitt and the two Misses Tyrwhitt and staff.

Others due to arrive by the same vessel are—Mr. J. Angwin, Mr. L. A. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. A. Calvert, Mrs. Calvert, Capt. M. Costello, Mrs. Costello, Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. Gronewater, Miss Grenewater, Col. A. M. B. Gage, Mrs. Gaze, Mr. A. W. Grimmett, Mrs. Grimmett, Mr. J. Gardner, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mrs. H. G. Hallam, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Mrs. Jeffries, Mr. R. Lanigan, Mr. J. A. Macklinay, Mr. H. K. Prossor, Mrs. Prossor, Mr. E. K. Post, Mrs. Post, Miss C. Ross, Mr. A. B. Ramsay, Mrs. Ramsay, Mr. J. Rea, Mr. A. Rogers, Lieut. W. E. Robinson, Mr. J. C. Smart, Miss M. Turner, Mr. J. C. West, Mrs. West, Mr. W. Woodward, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. M. C. E. Watson.

AMERICA & CHINA.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT EXPECTED.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Mr. Porter, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee has introduced a resolution requesting President Coolidge to negotiate with China independently of the other nations for the adjustment of extraterritoriality, tariff autonomy and other controversial matters.

Mr. Kellogg has apparently not yet decided whether to suspend his statement on American policy toward China until the arrival of the American Minister from China or to depend on telegraphic communications with him before preparing a memorandum which will be in reply to the British document—Reuter's American Service.

LOW-POWERED AEROPLANES.

BRITISH AMATEURS SET UP RECORDS.

Rugby, Jan. 5.—The two small Moth machines, with engines of only 90 horsepower, piloted by two amateur airmen Stack and Leete, have made remarkable progress on their flight to India.

They reached Bundar Abbas yesterday, and later left for Jask.

During the journey they have made two remarkable sea crossings, of 250 miles each, and have established several records for low-powered machines.—British Wireless.

Singapore, Jan. 5.—The Malayan rubber exports for December were 37,000 tons compared with 30,000 last year, and the exports for the year 391,000 compared with 317,000 in 1925.—Reuter.

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INTERPORT TRIAL.

NAVY TROUNCED BY SIX CLEAR GOALS.

A SUGGESTED TEAM.

[By "Wanderer"]

It was unfortunate that the departure of ships for the North necessitated so many changes in the Navy team, for the side fielded yesterday never looked like holding Hongkong's Interport trial team, and suffered defeat by six clear goals.

And the score did not exaggerate the superiority. If Avery in goal had not been at the top of his form, a further crop of goals would certainly have ensued for he brought off many amazing saves, including a penalty taken by Gosano. At the other end Clark had nothing to do. Scarcely from start to finish did he receive ball between the posts and below the bar, except it was passed back to him by a Hongkong defender. The Interport trial team's defence was not seriously tested, the half-backs always having the measure of their opponents and invariably breaking up attacks before they had a chance to develop.

At centre-half was the outstanding player in the Interport trial side. He was always on the spot and his forward passes were a treat to watch. Hudson backed him up splendidly on the right though he still had the tendency to wander into the centre of the field. Lam Yuk-ying played a sound game as usual.

Forward, Gosano, McGlinchey and Brown outstanding. Britain showed to advantage on the right wing, partly because the opposing half-left him wide-open and the left-back rarely strayed from the middle of the field.

Hulbert allowed Gosano too much freedom and time and again the latter burst clean through. He scored two splendid goals, though he missed several others. McGlinchey netted twice in the first half, and in the second. Howard scored one of many chances while Sims was always pushing through the Navy defence to put in another well out of Avery's reach.

Yesterday's game was the first interport trial worth watching. The Interporters gave a splendid display all round, ground being made by long swinging passes, while Sims was always pushing through that dangerous pass down the middle. For seven players the Selection Committee need look no farther. Clark, Wynne, Sims, Lam Yuk-ying, Gosano, McGlinchey and Brown should all be certainties for Interport honours.

The other players will need very careful consideration. For the remaining berth at back, the remaining three players, Wheeler, Bishop and Ng Kam-chuen, are worthy of consideration. Hudson had an unfortunate mishap yesterday; it is believed his nose is broken and therefore his chances for the right-half berth are lessened. McKelvie seems to be the only logical man for the position, though he is favoured by some who watched the England-Scotland as the centre-forward. He has in fact been selected in the latter position for next week's trial game, which I understand will be the last before the Interport team is selected.

Forward, the right wing is presenting a problem. Britain did well yesterday but the defence was not strong. He is not a natural right-winger and it seems unwise to put him there when we have three reasonably good outside rights playing locally. Tso Kwei-sing will be tried out next week, and if he performs as he did, against Portugal he may get his place.

One thing strikes me in this connection. The probabilities are that the Interport trial team will be opposed to the Chinese. An easy solution might have been found if Tso Kwei-sing were played with his own team, and the opportunity taken of giving Pile (Kowloon) or Taylor (Club) a trial.

For inside right there are few candidates, and I should plump for Suen Kam-shun. He has been

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The Kowloon XI to meet the Police at Kowloon in the Senior Division of the League has been selected as follows:—Wood; Wheeler, Baldwin; Earl, McElveen, Duncan; Pile, Miles, Orr, Muir and Hayes. Reserves: Spary.

The Kowloon 2nd XI against the Club Reserves on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. has been selected as follows:—Rasmussen; Guest, Knight; Hedley, Brown, Pasco; C. S. Pile, Vickars, Brodie, Coates and Eastman. Reserves: Adams.

The Hongkong Football Club Reserve team against Kowloon Reserves on Saturday on the Hongkong Club ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m., will be:—Slipper; Hill, Purvis; Puncheon, Lyon, Brown; White, Raitton, Campbell, Thompson, Bell. Reserves: Mitchell, Vickers, Trambitsky and Howell.

LOCAL CRICKET.

In their League match against Kowloon, on the latter's ground on Saturday, the Hongkong Cricket Club will be represented by:—H. R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. Vallack, J. R. Hinton, G. F. Gardner, Major Lightfoot and H. V. Parker.

TILDEN'S PLANS.

GOING TO WIMBLEDON.

New York, Jan. 6.—William Tilden has cancelled his Rivera trip for business reasons; but is going to Wimbledon later, with the American team.—Reuter.

ly quick and accurate. From the start, the Club's defence was called into play, and the soldiers' forwards always looked like scoring. This they did, in fact, within the first five minutes, and although the Club fought hard their goal never appeared to be safe. All the soldiers appeared to have struck their best form, and showed splendid balance and control as a team.

There were several weak spots in the Club's eleven, the Rev. N. Evans at left half being very much off form at times. Lammert, at outside-left, was a hard worker, but showed little constructive form, and Franks, who was put in goal in place of Garrad, was not so convincing as the latter player. Slipper, on the extreme right wing, was one of the best forwards, but in the second half he was poorly supported, and his centres badly missed.

Before the game had been in progress for more than five minutes, Wright put the soldiers ahead with a good shot, and encouraged by this early success, kept up the pressure. The Club forwards did not show any great promise, although they were continually getting away, only to be stopped by a very effective pair of backs. Forster had the ball near goal but he hung on too long and was dispossessed before he could pass to an unmarked man. Slipper sent across a scoring centre which was missed by Wheeler. Danger continually threatened from the Army right wing, but about half a minute before the interval Slipper levelled matters when he ran through on his own and scored with a difficult shot.

Yesterday saw the Army displaying better form than they have shown for a long time, the forwards especially being amazing.

playing inside-left for two seasons, but he is two-footed, and was an inside right before Hongkong had the misfortune to lose Li Walting and Brown should all be certainties for Interport honours.

My first selection for the Interport team would be:

Clark (Police);
Wheeler (Kowloon);
Wynne (Police);
McKelvie (Kowloon);
Sims (Kowloon);
Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Ath.);
Tso Kwei-sing (Chinese Ath.);
Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Ath.);
Gosano (Recreio);
McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.);
Brown (Recreio).

with Howard first reserve, Britain, and Ng Kam-chuen.

If it were desired to put McKelvie at centre-forward, which might or might not be efficacious, and if the Selection Committee do not see eye to eye with playing the backs at last season, then the best team, in my opinion, would be.

Clark; Wynne and Ng Kam-chuen; Hudson or Howard, Sims and Lam Yuk-ying; Tso Kwei-sing, Gosano, McKelvie, McGlinchey and Brown.

The selection of Tso Kwei-sing is contingent upon his display on Wednesday next, but I think he might be allowed to play with his own team, if the Chinese provide the opposition, and allow room for another right-winger in the Interport trial eleven.

The team selected for next week is:—Clark; Wynne and Bishop; Remedios, Sims, Lam Yuk-ying; Tso Kwei-sing, Gosano, McKelvie, McGlinchey and Brown; Howard, Britain, Davey (K.O.S.B.) and Hudson are reserves. Kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Club v University.

The following team will represent the Club "A" in a match against the University at King's Park to-morrow evening, at 5 p.m.:

T. W. Southam, G. Rankin, F. G. L. Wheeler, Lt. D. M. Rycroft, G. B. Slipper, L. A. R. Duncan, L. M. Lloyd (Capt.), P. G. Hall, W. H. Newman, H. G. Macnamara and F. S. Nicholls.

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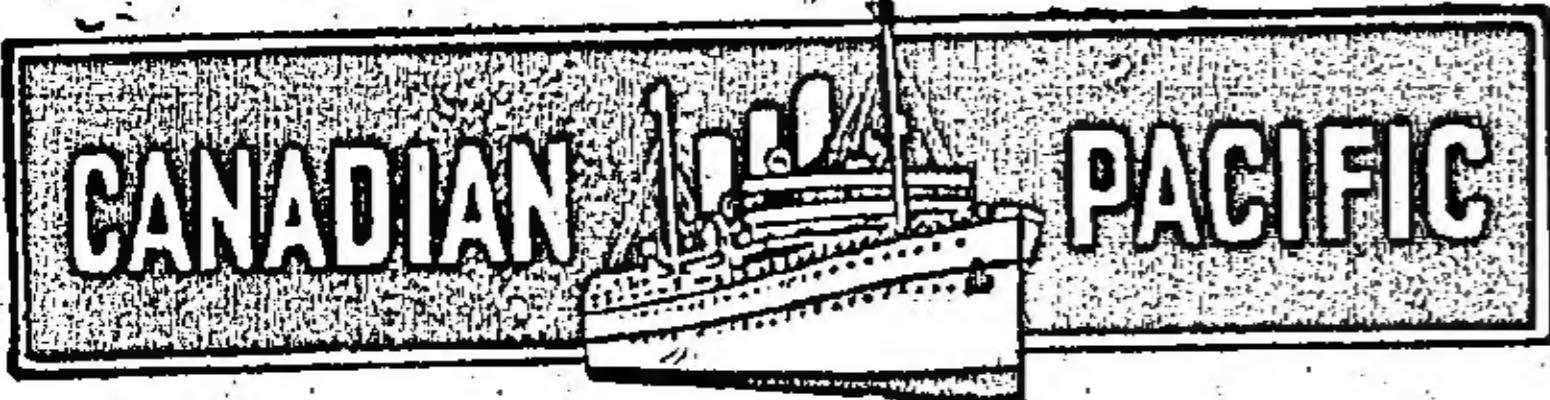
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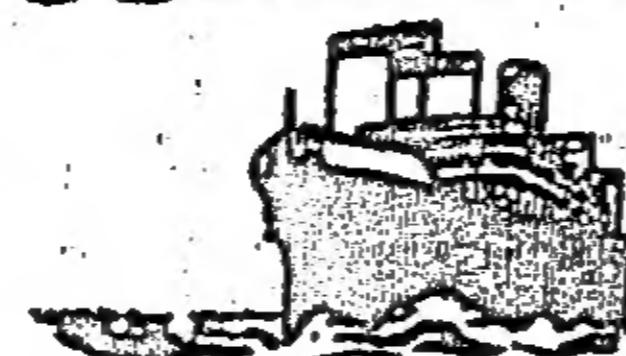
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"VALERIAN" SURVIVORS REACH LONDON.



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HANKOW EVACUATION BEGINS.

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British forces and take back the Concessions, state that the Kuomintang was represented at this gathering, at which many speeches were delivered denouncing so-called "British Imperialism." The meeting approved of a series of demands to be sent to the Nationalist Government, with a request that they be communicated to the British Consul General.

The demands included a protest to the British Consul in connection with the incidents of Monday; compensation for the relatives of those Chinese alleged to have been killed; those responsible for the alleged killing of the Chinese to be handed over to the Chinese authorities for trial; British cruisers to be withdrawn from the vicinity of Hankow; all British Volunteers at Hankow to be disarmed; and the right of stationing Chinese troops in the Concession for the maintenance of peace to be conceded.

The reports state that the meeting urged that a time-limit of 72 hours be given for compliance with the demands after they have been presented to the British Consul. The Nationalist Government is said to favour the demands.

The telegrams further add that pickets are stationed at the Customs House and along the Bund, whilst troops of the 7th Kuomintang Army Corps have taken up stations in the Concession.

BRITISH LABOUR VIEWS.
CONCILIATION URGED.

London, Jan. 5. The Labour Party, in a statement as regards the situation in China, suggests that the British Government should offer to withdraw British warships from Chinese territorial waters upon an agreement with regard to the security of the lives of British residents. It urges the British Government to observe the strictest neutrality between the contending forces in China and to put British relations with the Canton Government on a friendly footing at the earliest possible moment. The statement advocates a fair Anglo-Cantonese Agreement with regard to funds, the strict enforcement of the China Order-in-Council of 1926, and a British attempt to secure, in co-operation with other nations concerned, an absolute and effective prohibition of the importation of arms into China.

The British Government should not be deterred from proceeding on a policy of reconciliation and justice to China, because some other Government may refuse to march with it. It concludes by

AMERICA AND NICARAGUA.

MARINE GUARDS FOR
MANAGUA.

Washington, Jan. 5. Commenting on the statement made from White House with regard to the United States' policy in Central America, Dr. Vaca, the Nicaraguan Liberals' representative in Washington, said that he was not aware that anyone threatened the rights of the United States to build a canal or naval base at Fonseca Bay but no canal was being constructed and American marines had landed at points on the Nicaraguan coast very far from the site of the proposed canal.

The State Department has announced that an American marine guard has been ordered to Managua and has disclosed that British and Italian diplomatic representatives there have requested outside protection for their nationals, whom they felt to be in imminent peril.

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